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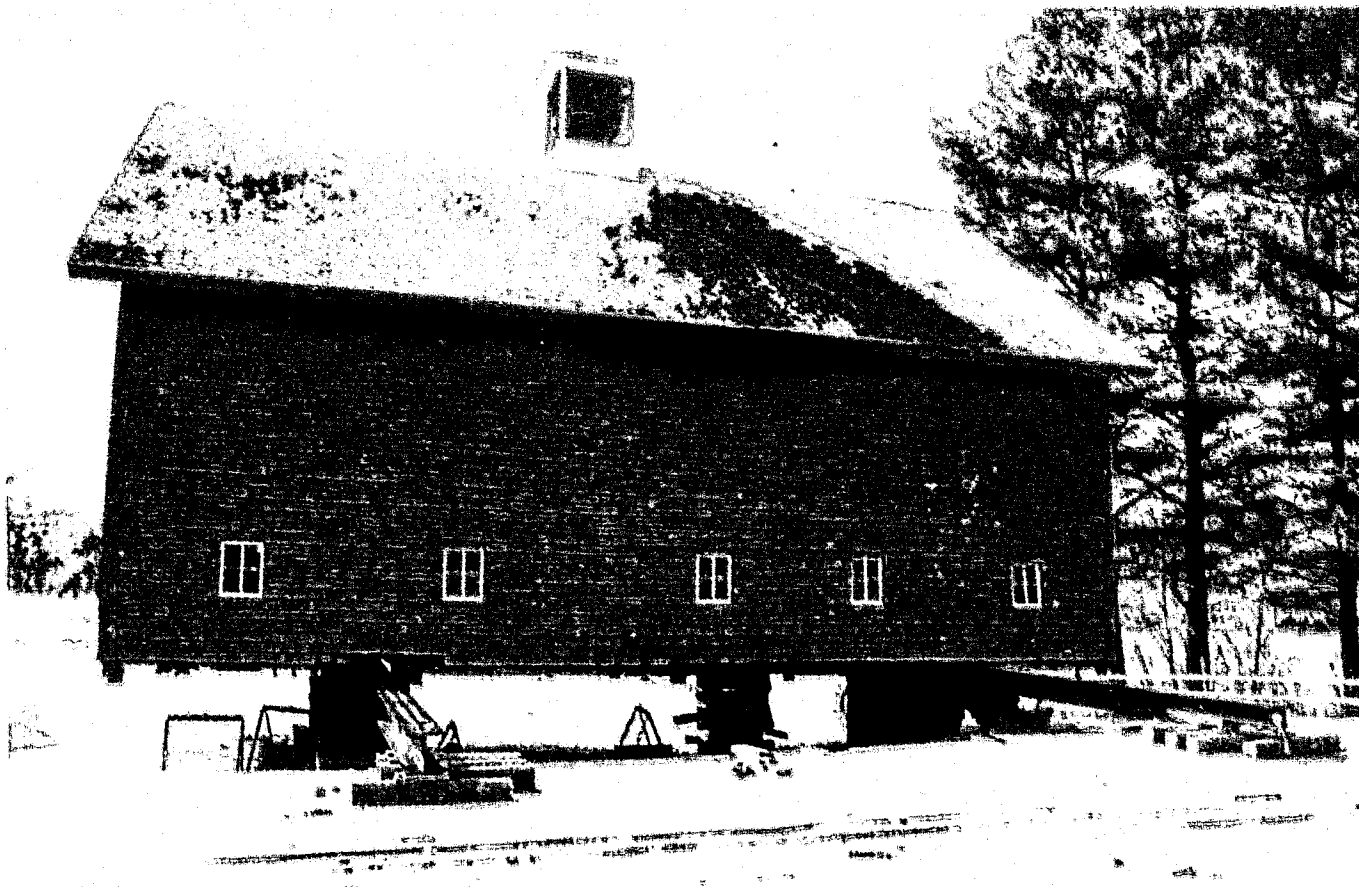
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In March the 1826 barn at Sunset Farm in Bethel was removed from its original stone foundation. The barn was slid along I-beam rails held up by stacks of six- by six-inch cribbing, where it rested while a new foundation was completed.

B. Schuessler

Looking ahead to Sunset Farm's next 200 years

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Western Maine's early settlers built homes and barns meant to last, sturdy structures perched atop solid fieldstone foundations.

But over the course of nearly 200 years, even the best-laid stones can begin to topple and shift, and that was the case for one of Bethel's most iconic barns.

Tony Shepley and his

family have owned Sunset Farm on the Middle Intervale Road for just 11 years. That's a tiny fraction of the lifetime of the early-nineteenth-century farmstead, but long enough for them to know the historic and cultural value of its 190-year-old house and barn.

In her 1959 book, *East Bethel Road*, local historian Eva Bean wrote that the property, known for

many years as the Mason Farm, was "rich in early tales of the town."

Built in 1826 by Ayers Mason (younger brother of Dr. Moses Mason) and his wife, Eunice Hale Mason, the property remained in the Mason family for well over a century. In 1943, ownership passed to Leslie Davis, whose daughter Phyllis lived there with her husband, Norman Dock, for the next

two decades.

During its nearly two centuries, the barn has housed generations of livestock, from an assortment of working farm animals to Phyllis Dock's prized Morgan horses, which she and Norman raised at the property they called Sunset Farm. More recent owners have included the Hollis,

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Bethel Town Meeting:

Case made to tear down EBS; appraisal to be proposed

\$10,000 added to Rec budget for basketball

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel voters, after hearing arguments to tear down the former Ethel Bisbee School, voted last week to deny a \$1,500 request for an engineering study to see if the old building is worth saving.

The selectboard is expected to consider at its next meeting whether to have an appraisal done on the property, according to Town Manager Christine Landes.

The town acquired the structure, built in 1925, from SAD 44 after the district moved its central office out of EBS.

Last fall a representative from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission visited the school and advised that it appeared to be worth saving. Potential options included possible use by the town or sale to a developer.

But when the item came up at Town Meeting last week, several residents didn't think it was worth even doing the study.

"Do taxpayers really want to see the building fixed up?" asked Ron Savage. "We're about to lose Newry, or we're going to

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YOUTH ON THE SELECTBOARD- New Bethel Selectman Andy Whitney, foreground, votes on an article at last week's Town Meeting.

A. Aloisio

Upton to vote on East B roadwork

By ALISON ALOISIO

At tonight's (Thursday) Town Meeting, Upton voters will decide whether to raise and appropriate \$50,000 toward rebuilding a section of the East B Hill Road.

It's part of a budget proposal that, if approved, is estimated to increase overall by about \$5,000 over last year's \$160,000 budget, according to Selectman Bob Pepler. If all money articles pass, taxes are estimated to increase by about 1 percent, he said. The current mill rate is 6.15.

The \$50,000 for the roadwork is 20 percent of the total cost - the rest would be paid by the Federal Land Access Program, because the road provides access to land of the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

The work would be done on about 2 miles of the road, which stretches for a total of about 4 miles in Upton, said Pepler.

If the \$50,000 is approved, Upton selectmen are recommending that \$25,000 of the town's share be raised in taxes and the other half come from the Surplus Account.

Voters will also decide whether to raise and appropriate a maximum of \$34,000 to build a state-required

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Apologies, clarifications on Newry letter

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen, the chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee and a resident aired complaints and concerns Tuesday about a recent NWC statement mailed out to residents by a group of private citizens.

The result: a directive by town officials that such mailings be pre-approved

by selectmen in the future.

The statement, written by NWC member William Andrews and approved by the committee last month, argued against a June 14 referendum question on stopping the current school withdrawal process. The statement had been made available at the May 17 public hearing on the withdrawal process question. Last week Newry residents voted overwhelmingly to continue the withdrawal process, which has not yet produced a withdrawal agreement for Newry residents to vote upon.

Before that vote, the NWC had made plans to mail the statement to residents. NWC Chairman Jim Sysko said he requested mailing costs be covered by the town, but

Town Administrator Amy Bernard said it would had to have been approved by selectmen.

Sysko said a group of eight people then met June 6 to stuff envelopes for a private mailing.

On Tuesday resident Fred Call attended the selectmen's meeting to tell the board he had received the statement with a return address label with the name of Steve Wight, a withdrawal opponent, on it, and that one of Wight's relatives received one with Call's name on a return address.

Sysko had said last week of the incident, "We didn't plan to put return addresses on the envelopes, only a mailing address. We used peel and stick address labels I got [bought] from the Town Office ... We had eight people stuffing 150 envelopes. I handed a bag full to the person at the Newry Post Office and didn't notice any return addresses."

Sysko said someone in his group - he said he didn't recall who - had made a comment to the effect that it would be funny to add a return address of an anti-withdrawal resident to an envelope going to another resident, and the group laughed.

Sysko said that had he thought the person was serious, "I would have checked the envelopes. In hindsight, I would have made sure it didn't happen. It's something I would have done differently."

Call said Tuesday the incident "at least was misrepresentative of who was sending the letters, what the content might have been and who was supporting those letters - and possibly deceptive."

He also questioned if the committee should have been "cheerleading" for withdrawal.

He went on to say the information in the state-

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Letters

BATS AND WIND TOWERS

To the Editor:

For the potential wind power project in Milton Township, I reviewed the initial tower MET Permit DP 4967 - the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife provided the following comments before the meteorological test tower was built.

(1) The proposed MET tower in Milton Township would be located approximately 3.1 miles from a bat hibernaculum site, one of only three major hibernacula (that we know about) in Maine.

(2) Historically this cave has supported Myotis and other bat species during the winter months, but in recent years the numbers of cave dwelling bats have drastically declined due to White Nose Syndrome.

(3) An inherent feature of hibernacula is that they are areas of localized focal activity. As the animals move in and out of the cave, there is further risk of mortality.

(4) As overall bat numbers have drastically declined, the protection of remaining individuals is critical if there is ever to be a chance at a recovery of the species.

(5) Because of catastrophic impacts on their populations, the three species of Myotis (Little Brown Bat, Northern Long Eared Bat, and Eastern Small Footed Bat) are listed as endangered or threatened in Maine. The latter species is threatened.

(6) Given its proximity to the hibernaculum MDIFW has serious concerns with the MET tower proposal and probable subsequent wind power development as it could result in significant adverse impacts to the few remaining bats that utilize this area.

(7) Due to catastrophic declines of cave inhabiting bats (95 percent) at this location in species affected by White Nose Syndrome, even a small number of mortalities will have significant impacts on the local population as well as the species as a whole.

(8) If bat populations are eventually able to recover from White Nose Syndrome, this hibernaculum is likely to be re-colonized to former population levels, and any wind turbines and associated MET tower development in close proximity to the hibernaculum would continue to be potentially detrimental to recovering bat populations.

(9) The proposed MET tower and probable subsequent wind power development create additional cumulative impacts in association with the Spruce Mountain Wind Project in nearby Woodstock (with its nine existing towers).

(10) This project was permitted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection prior to their agency's full understanding of impacts on bats from both White Nose Syndrome and wind power projects.

(11) MDIFW states "concerns from cumulative impacts to bats from any proposed wind power development in this area cannot be overemphasized."

Today the bats need more protection than they did before the MET tower was built. I don't see how the bat population can tolerate 9-12 more turbines being built in addition to the 9 that already exist.

Sara Wright
Woodstock

KAKAMEGA ORPHANAGE SPEAKER

To the Editor:

Both Jan Whitworth and Rev. Dick Bennett traveled to Kenya to work at Kakamega Friends Orphanage, providing the staff much-needed summer vacation.

Dorothy Selebwa, founder and director of the Kakamega Orphans Care Center in Kenya, will speak of her work in her own country at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel Friday night, June 24. Potluck supper at 5:30 followed by Dorothy's talk at 6:30 p.m.

She started the Kakamega Orphans Care Centre in Kenya 15 years ago for HIV/AIDS orphans. The Care Center currently works with 250 Kenyan children. The highly successful grassroots effort gives loving care and a chance for schooling for children in great need. Dorothy is a well-renowned Quaker woman in Kenya who has seen a lot and shares her stories of the lives she has changed.

She will be at the West Parish Congregational Church Friday night, June 24, at 5:30 p.m. to speak of her passion for the children in Kenya.

Please come and share a meal with the community and with Dorothy. The potluck supper will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share in fellowship.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

CONGRATS AND THANK YOU

To the Editor:

First, I would like to formally congratulate Andy Whitney on his recent election to the Bethel Board of Selectmen. If he has been influenced by the values and political philosophy of his late paternal grandmother, Muriel Whitney, Bethel is indeed in "good hands." I came to know Muriel well through her volunteerism and always enjoyed our many discussions over the years.

Being a Bethel Selectman was always a challenge. It began with a victory to fill a two year term in 1975. I was re-elected in 1977 and in 1980, retiring from the BOS to take on two terms as a SAD 44 director representing Bethel. After that, I was on the Planning Board for 12 years, resigning in 2004 to rejoin the BOS where I have been for the last 12 years. For 11 of those years, I was chair of that board. Not only did I not miss a single meeting during that time, but I have always been very aware of my forebears, who have also been selectmen of Bethel.

My great, great grandfather, Alonzo Howe (1814-1886), a farmer and carpenter, served only one year (1861). Family legend claims he was elected at the town meeting very much against his wishes. To get some idea what he was like, Eva Bean in her book East Bethel Road, published in 1959, records this anecdote.

His wife Nancy once informed him that they did not have enough chairs for all the company that had just arrived. His reply was that they "had enough chairs, but too damn much company."

The next generation was Alonzo's son, Fred Howe (1855-1931), my great grandfather, who also like his father was a carpenter and farmer, serving from 1916 to 1925. His son, John Hastings Howe (1891-1943), also a farmer, was a selectman from 1927 to 1943. He drowned in Lake Umbagog while returning from a hunting trip with several friends, two of whom also drowned. The incident is noted in Louise Dickinson Rich's Happy The Land. The late John Harrington, longtime town treasurer, told me that the First Selectman, Ernest Bisbee, always depended on John Howe's exceptional memory to recall all the details of the Board of Selectmen meetings as they did not keep any minutes of their deliberations in those days. My father, Rodney K. Howe (1917-1999), was persuaded to take his father's place in 1944, but only served one year.

Of these four men, I only knew my remarkable father, but they were always in my mind during my years on the Board of Selectmen. I felt I had a special responsibility to do the very best I could to serve with distinction and dedication.

I am eternally grateful to the voters of Bethel for their trust in me during the 20 years I was a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Stan Howe
Bethel

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

To the Editor:

I am happy to announce that the Crescent Park School Parent Teacher Association successfully completed fundraising for Phase 2 of the CPS playground. The support and generosity of the Bethel area community for the playground rebuild has been overwhelming. The process to rebuild a school playground can be a lengthy process and in some cases takes years to complete. In less than six months from when the nearly 25-year-old playground was removed due to safety reasons the funding and design of a new safe and fun playground is complete. It is clear that this community feels strongly that kids need their own outdoor space to play, develop, and just have fun. Later this summer the CPS PTA will have a ribbon cutting at the playground to honor and thank all of the donors who supported this project.

The Bethel area is truly a wonderful place to raise my family.

Thank you.

Mary Scanlon
CPS PTA Playground Chair

SHY, NOVICE & CLOSETED ART SHOW

To the Editor:

We are delighted to announce the upcoming 12th Annual Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show, Saturday July 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. This art show provides the opportunity and the encouragement for any shy, novice and/or closeted artist to show your work of art. It is a low key and low pressure experience, excepting art in all styles and media from folks of all ages and abilities. Art can be dropped off at the sight of the show, 18 High Street, behind Key Bank, from June 26 thru the 30th. (We do our best to get your work in the show up to the last minute, knowing there are many hurdles an artist may need to overcome in order to show your art). All art forms are accepted. Because of your participation, this art show continues to be a fabulous event.

The day coincides with the Annual Bethel Art Fair on the Town Common, featuring local photographer M. Dirk MacKnight, whose work will be displayed at the Owen Gallery, Gould Academy. There are a artistic endeavors events occurring from the top to the bottom of Main Street on July 1 and 2. See www.bethelartfair.com for schedule.

For more information on how to participate in the Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show, please contact Janet Willie @ 207-824-3889, or go to www.facebook.com/shyartshow. Supporting the Art Within You.

Janet Willie & SN&C Committee

SOMETHING GREAT AT TMS

To the Editor:

On May 25 something GREAT happened at TMS! Nine students from 6-8th grade were called down to the library by a mysterious voice. They had NO IDEA what was going to happen or why they had been required to bring all sorts of random items to school. It was all a mystery! May 25 and 26 were the culminating days for The Great Escape reading challenge this year at TMS. As their reward for reaching the top level of the challenge, The Great Escapees enjoyed a day of fun filled escape. We would like to express our sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to Allen Connors, Brad Jerome and the staff of The Bethel Inn for hosting our group for most of the day. We swam, lounged and enjoyed a delicious meal all at no cost to our school or our students. We are also incredibly grateful for the involvement and assistance from Michelle Conroy at The Bethel Library and Randy Bennett and Stan Howe at The Bethel Historical Society. With such a combined effort, the kids enjoyed a day they will never forget. As seasoned teachers in this district, we would like to express how important and amazing the support of our local businesses and professionals really is. You give our students something to reach for, experiences they would not otherwise have the chance to participate in, and the knowledge that people believe in them. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for us.

Lindsay Luetje (TMS English teacher) and Kelley Fraser (THS/TMS Librarian)

From the Bethel Town Manager

By Christine M. Landes

Last week the town conducted the Annual Town Meeting at Crescent Park School. On Tuesday, the voters elected Andrew Whitney and Donald Bennett to the Board of Selectmen. Congratulations to each of them. On Wednesday evening, almost 70 voters convened to discuss and approve thirty-one warrant articles. A couple of noteworthy mentions include an approval to increase the Ambulance Service budget in the amount of \$2,100 and an increase in the Recreation budget of \$10,000 solely dedicated to basketball court development. The Board of Assessors will meet in late summer to finalize the mill rate prior to bills being sent out. Look for some updates then.

I would like to thank all the Department Heads and employees for making budget process go smoothly this past year. I cannot stress how knowledgeable and dedicated each and every employee is. They take pride in their jobs and making sure things are completed in a timely manner, all while maintaining budgets and pleasing the residents of Bethel! Kudos to each and every one of them!

The Town Office is once again offering Funtown/Splashtown tickets at a discounted rate. A combination ticket is \$28 (compared to \$37 at the gate). Currently we only accept cash or card for these tickets. Please see the office for more details.

We have our Assessors Agent in town checking on properties that may have had changes in the past year. Please be aware, he does have ID in hand and Assessor is noted on the side of his vehicle. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the town office.

In my last bi-weekly, I mentioned that our new website would be unveiled shortly. It is now up and running! Please take some time to view the pages, pictures donated by residents and what the site has to offer. Many thanks to Kristi! She has worked very hard to bring the site to life.

Once again, I cannot stress the importance of volunteers that work on committees and boards. The town has several vacancies that need to be filled. Without individuals stepping forward, we will not be able to accomplish ordinance updates, project approvals, sewer fee recommendations, recreation committee duties or trail development, just to name a few. Would you please consider a small dedication of time to help the town out? Please contact us for more information.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Telstar High School softball team defeated Central Aroostook 1-0 to win the state championship.

The Masonic Hall in Bryant Pond was struck by lightning as the Masons were having their meeting. No one was injured, but the bolt started a small fire under the roof, blew caps of three chimney flues, and blew open the front doors.

Deaths: Leon "Sonny" Verrill, H. Merl Gordon, Jr., Genevieve L. Palmer, Sandra K. Abbott, Ruth Arlene Gilbert, Philip S. Tapley, Sr., Edward C. Parent.

20 years ago: A two-day Civil War Encampment took place on the Bethel village common as part of the town's bicentennial celebration.

Newry Mothers' Club members enjoyed their annual meeting at the Town & Country Inn.

Births: Jack Philip Ochtera, Pau Steven Moore, Ryan Lee Vall, Alexander Iseah Hoyt.

Deaths: Elizabeth J. Hakala, Morris Reynolds, Mary Alice Foster, Sarah Marie Penner.

30 years ago: The residence of Albert Henley on Howe Hill in Locke Mills was destroyed by fire.

The "Bethel to the Sea" trek from Sunday River skiway to Rockport attracted 198 bicyclists.

Births: Justine Leigh Carver, Megan Kathleen Bailey, Karter Moriah Taylor.

Deaths: Lester W. Cole, Thomas H. Green, Edward A. MacDonald.

40 years ago: Frosts were reported in some area June 13, followed by three days of hot, humid weather culminating in heavy thundershowers.

Mrs. Alice McInnis of Bryant Pond was among 53 men and women to be graduated from the Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing.

50 years ago: Richard E. Thompson announced that The Thompson Insurance Agency had been purchased by The Gordon Mason Agency.

Miss Vicky Brown and Miss Ruth Tebbets were leaving on a two-week bicycle tour through Northern Europe.

Birth: Leslie Ann Keen.

Deaths: Dr. Ralph Otis Hood, Roscoe W. Lane, Mrs. Beryl B. Morgan.

60 years ago: The drive for funds for the completion and equipping of Stephens Memorial Hospital got underway on June 25. The goal was \$95,000. Rev. Herbert Houghton, Waterford was chairman.

Death: James Mutch.

70 years ago: Gerald Cushing was elected superintendent of the Dixfield School District.

Gateway Hotel (now the Sudbury Inn) was sold to parties from Connecticut.

Death: Mrs. Fred Littlefield.

80 years ago: Eddy Bros. Circus showed in Bethel June 15. Crowds were small.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Crane were presented a silver loving cup by students, alumni, and friends. Mr. Crane had been a member of the Gould Academy faculty for five years.

Death: Carroll B. Penley.

90 years ago: The new bridge at the foot of Mill Hill was open to the public.

The horse sheds at the rear of the Congregational Church were torn down. **Deaths:** Mrs. Mae Hastings, Mrs. Minnie Shaw Cross.

110 years ago: The wire bridge in Gilead was being repaired.

There were 1,650 bound volumes in the Hanover library, in addition to several paper covered books and magazines.

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have to negotiate with Newry, our taxes are going to go up a lot. Do we really need another building in town? The building should be razed and the land sold ... Sell it, put it back on the tax rolls, in my opinion."

(Savage was referring to last week's vote in Newry to continue its school withdrawal process.)

Bob Chadbourne agreed with Savage, and made a motion to reduce the appropriation in the account from which the study funds would come by the cost, \$1,500.

"My description of that building really is 'black hole.' It's on an extremely attractive piece of land, right in the center of town," he said.

Noting that there are rot and mildew problems with EBS, Chadbourne continued, "I hate to see up spend any more money on it. I'd personally like to see it taken down, clean the lot up and make it available to someone who wants to put it back on the tax rolls."

He added that a \$1,500 study would likely have to

be followed by other studies.

But others urged voters not to make a hasty decision.

Al Cressy said it would be wise to have a professional inspection of the building done.

So did Bo Boden, himself a home inspector.

"How do we find out if the building is worth selling, if we don't do some investigation as to what the condition is?" he asked.

Stan Howe, director emeritus of the Bethel Historical Society, argued for saving EBS.

"The question is how to we attract somebody to buy it and revamp it, and make some kind of useful purpose for it and put it on the tax rolls? ... We've lost so many of our wonderful old buildings in Bethel already," he said.

Jarrod Crockett wondered if town money might be better spent by putting any revenue gained from the property toward improvements at the Cole Block building, where the Town Office is located.

Following the discussion

the reduction of \$1,500 was approved.

REC BUDGET INCREASED

Voters were in more of a spending mood for the Recreation Department budget, increasing it by \$10,000 to help pay for a basketball court on the Parkway property.

Private fundraising has been ongoing for the project for several years, but another \$17,000 is needed for paving, hoops and other costs, according to Recreation Director Sarah Tucker.

Savage, noting that the rate the project was progressing the court could end up being used for the first time by another generation of youngsters, moved to add the funds to the \$34,600 recommended for recreation.

It was easily approved.

Another amendment added \$2,100 to the Ambulance Service budget for a service agreement for cardiac monitors. It brought the Ambulance Service operating budget to \$247,795.

Other money articles were approved as prop-

posed. The overall municipal budget totals \$3.86 million, with an estimated mil rate of 13.67 (last year's was 13.80), subject to approval of the Board of Assessors.

Voters also approved amendments to the Sign, Shoreland Zoning and Administrative ordinances.

The meeting lasted just under an hour, with about 70 people attending.

BENNETT NEW BOARD CHAIR

In a brief selectmen's meeting after the Town Meeting, Selectman Don Bennett was elected chairman and Peter Southam vice chairman.

EBS UPDATE

After the meeting Landes said Boden had approached her and offered to do the study for \$1. The proposal will be on the agenda for the July 11 meeting, she said.

But, she added, "I think it is pretty clear the people do not want the study done at this point."

"I am probably going to ask the selectmen to authorize an appraisal on the property and see where we go from there."

Dick Melville honored by School Board



As Dick Melville (left) listens, SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy reads congratulatory letters on Melville's retirement from the School Board.

A. Wight Chapman

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Prior to the SAD 44 School Board meeting on Monday, the board held a reception to honor Dick Melville, who has represented Greenwood on the board for a total of 34 of the past 60 years.

Superintendent David Murphy read aloud congratulatory remarks from State Representative Fran Head, State Senator John Patrick, and U.S. Senator Angus King.

"I am proud to join your family, friends, and colleagues in recognizing your distinguished career and years of service to Maine," wrote King.

"You have exemplified the qualities of civic duty and leadership that enable our communities to prosper, and I commend your hard work throughout your distinguished career."

A Legislative Sentiment prepared by the Maine Senate and House of Representatives made note of Melville's long service to the School Board, as well as his military service during the Korean War, and read, in part, "We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community and to the state and the nation, and congratulate him on his retirement."

It was signed by Senate President Michael Thibodeau, Senate Secretary Heather Priest, Speaker of the House Mark Eves, and Clerk of the House Robert Hunt.

Melville's daughter, Nancy Melville Snyder, and several of his former colleagues were present for the celebration, as was his wife, Beverly, who had a request for the board.

"If sometime on a Monday night, out of habit, he comes walking in," she said, "please send him home!"

Newry

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TALKING IT OUT-Newry Selectmen (visible at left) Jim Largess and Gary Wight, and Town Administrator Amy Bernard, listen to Fred Call (far right) describe his concerns about a mailing regarding the Newry withdrawal process.

A. Aloisio

ment contained "half truths" regarding who in Newry is paying the costs toward SAD 44.

"For instance, we know that [Newry] residents' taxes going to the SAD are approximately 11 percent of the total, but the statement represents the town as paying 37 percent [of the SAD 44 budget] as a town, but then neglects to include the fact that 11 percent of 37 percent is just 4 percent, so actually, with 6 percent of the representatives on the School Board, we're actually overrepresented by the amount the residents pay on their taxes, and exactly consistent with the number of students we have in the district [4 percent]," he said.

After Call voiced his concerns, selectmen voted to go into executive session to talk with Sysko. He declined the private session, however, saying he had nothing to hide.

He reiterated his explanation and regret over the label incident, and apologized to Call.

Selectman Jim Largess also apologized to Call for what had happened, and said what bothered him the

most about it was that the situation had been "made personal."

He also said the charge of the committee was to put together a withdrawal proposal, "not to lobby for or against."

As for the selectmen's responsibility, said Largess, "We need to make sure when we put a committee together, how do we help you guys? What's your role?"

Also discussed was the mix of public and private factors in the distribution of the statement.

It had an NWC letterhead, but was not signed. The envelopes and postage costs were paid for privately, Sysko said.

But Town Administrator Amy Bernard said some residents thought the mailing had come from the town. She said she did not see the statement until after it had been sent out.

She said in the future mailings to be sent out from town committees should first have the approval of the board.

Sysko said in hindsight, the group of private citizens involved should have identified themselves as a sep-

arate advocacy group at the top of a mailing.

Bernard also said the NWC's role is to put together a withdrawal plan, and they should not be "lobbying."

But, said Sysko, "to put together a plan we have to exist, and the [June 14] vote that was coming up was to kill us, to terminate us. We felt that to survive we had to persuade people to keep the committee going."

But Bernard said the panel was not charged with making sure that it continued to exist in order to get to a proposal.

She told Sysko she understood where "you're coming from," but in hindsight, "It's not appropriate for the committee to take action on that vote whatsoever. Moving forward, we're not going to have this problem again."

No NWC meeting

Regarding the future plans of the NWC, Sysko said after the meeting the panel will go into "pause mode" while a SAD 44 committee works to negotiate a possible change to the local funding formula, for district residents to vote upon.

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'Listen to the Barn'

Tony Shepley, owner of Sunset Farm on the Middle Intervale Road, wrote this essay about rehabilitating the 190-year-old barn on the property for his blog, Tony's Terra Firma, found on his company's website (shepleywood.com). He has given permission to the Bethel Citizen to reprint it here.

We have a responsibility to history. Besides ignoring it and reflexively refusing to obey it, we too often miss the opportunity to learn from it. How perfectly human that we don't give history its due or heed its lessons better.

I am looking out the window at an 1826 Maine barn, of post and beam construction, sitting perched on the building mover's neat stacks of timber cribbing, levitated 6' in the air, 50' from her original foundation. Just like a ship, I have decided, she is a she, yes... definitely a she. She is missing her original deck, many times worn and replaced over the past 190 years. The building mover just lifted her free of it after cutting back the lower section of sheathing. Her 20 main posts, each mortised and tenoned into the original deck pulled free, just as he knew they would. No dowels or pins held those tenons in their mortise pockets, just gravity. The tenons on the bottom of each post look as good as they did when they were milled during the presidency of John Quincy Adams.

Structural engineers were few and far between in 1826, but mechanical and structural common sense abounded in small rural towns across the United States. Although only 50 years had passed since the Declaration of Independence, the Industrial Revolution was underway, fueled by just the type of American ingenuity that built our barn and thousands like her to last hundreds of years.

We had more than a few dinner table conversations about the wisdom of rehabilitating an old barn versus simply knocking her down and rebuilding from scratch. I was committed to saving her although the old stack stone foundation and first floor deck were beyond fixing. She'll get a poured concrete foundation,

a real basement, and a deck ready for the next two hundred years. Joe, the building mover, is exactly the type of ingenious Mainer who built this barn in the first place. He knows how things were done and how to coax the bones back into place. As he jacked the barn, his careful measurements and calculations led to the structure being lifted back into an incredible plumb level and square state. She looked 100 years younger already!

To move the barn sideways 50 feet to allow the excavator easy access to the foundation, Joe set up two big lateral rails of I-beam on 6"x6" cribbing stacks and pulled the 40 ton barn (36'W x 50'L x 36'H) with a John Deere log skidder equipped with a winch. Used fryolator oil literally greased the skids and the old girl made her trip across the rails with ease. Joe is possessed with Maine practicality that intersects nicely with his Maine sense of humor!

She is resting comfortably on the perch Joe built for her and in a few weeks, when the foundation is done and the deck is on, she will make the return 50 foot trip back home. Joe will lower her in exact place, the tenons will slide into new mortise pockets and gravity will take over once again to anchor her, as always.

The old girl will have frost walls, perimeter drainage, pressure treated sills and modernized electrical and water. She'll get new roofing, trim, siding, and doors and windows. We will do our best to be faithful to her character. We'll refrain from over insulating her, so she can breathe. We'll preserve every bit of her wonderful beams and exposed sheathing that we can. We'll veneer the exposed parts of her new concrete foundation with stone that comes from her original foundation. We will also respect her colors, smells, sounds, and spirit. If we do our job right, she will long outlast us and someday our successors will be scratching their heads at the work we put into this dignified old Maine grand dame of a barn.

Here's to the next 200 years and all that we can learn from the past 200!

Newry voters approve more roadwork funds

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry residents voted 17-0 at a special Town Meeting Tuesday to approve an additional \$264,000 for a Sunday River Road rebuild project.

They also reapproved, with a financial statement, borrowing up to \$850,000 toward the 13,000-foot project, which begins at the Monkey Brook Road intersection. The funds were initially approved in March.

Another \$150,000 had been approved in March to use from capital reserve.

The extra \$264,000 was proposed after an engineering analysis by JAGJA Inc. reported that more culverts were needed than originally estimated, that an erosion problem by the Monkey Brook intersection needed to be fixed, that steep bankings near Simons Brook needed fixing, that more gravel was needed for a base, and that other issues needed to be addressed.

The increased cost would have been more but for a decision by selectmen to

widen the 18-foot road to 20 feet (paved) instead of the 22 first proposed.

Residents at the meeting asked many questions on issues that included the effects of increasing the height of the road with an additional 16 inches of gravel, the possibility of faster traffic, the creation of ditches where there currently are none and the possibility of saving money by refusing existing road material.

A letter from property owner Susan Foster Hamill was read, in which she expressed concern that widening the road would harm the character and attractiveness of the area.

Other fixes

JAGJA engineer Joe Aloisio also proposed that seven trees (recently marked with blue paint with a white dot in the middle) within 16 feet of the center of the road be removed, to conform with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards, and that most utility poles along the stretch be moved back

to conform with town ordinance.

Other trees would have to be removed as part of the intersection erosion and Simons Brook area banking fixes, Aloisio said.

Guardrails along bridges were also recommended to be upgraded to meet town standards.

He was asked how long the rebuilt road would be expected to last.

"Twenty-five years with routine maintenance," he said, which would include cleaning and revegetating ditches, removing sand berms that might form on the side of the road and sealing cracks.

After the meeting selectmen set the new mill rate at 9.3, down from the current 9.47 but still enough to raise the added \$264,000 and allow \$77,000 in overlay funds, the officials said.

The rate could go up next year because of the bond payment, Town Manager Amy Bernard said.

(Note: The writer is married to JAGJA engineer Joe Aloisio.)

Barn

Continued from page 1

Eddy, and Penley families.

A labor of love

Shepley, who purchased Sunset Farm from Dick and Wendy Penley in 2005, understands that his main role is that of caretaker for the buildings, and he wants to ensure their survival for at least another 200 years.

So when it became clear that the 36- by 50-foot barn would need to be either extensively renovated or replaced, he knew what needed to be done.

"We don't own that barn," he said. "We're just the stewards, the ones who are taking it to the next generation."

During the arduous process of cleaning out the barn's basement level and removing years of accumulated dirt, manure, and miscellaneous farm equipment, Shepley had discovered that the original stacked stone foundation was beginning to crumble and shift.

"I knew if we didn't do anything, it wasn't going to be very many years before the barn started to go over," he said.

Contacted about the project, local building contractor Mark Dirago concurred.

"[The foundation stones] were holding up well in some areas, but had fallen in a couple of areas," Dirago said. "The damaged areas were causing the upper floors to sag and bow, so if it wasn't addressed in some form, permanent damage would have occurred to the entire structure."

In an essay Shepley wrote about the project for his blog (see related story), he said he and his family had "more than a few dinner table conversations" about how to proceed—whether to take the barn down and start over, or try to save it.

In fact, he admitted, "My wife thinks I'm crazy" to commit so completely to rehabilitating, rather than replacing, the structure. But he believes that, with proper care and maintenance, it could still be standing another two centuries from now.

"It's a labor of love," he said.

Great group effort
First contacted in January, Dirago was enthusiastic about the project from the beginning.

"Honestly, I'm not usually one to get very nostalgic or sentimental about older homes or buildings unless they're truly special," he said.

"This barn is obviously very special. When you see a barn like this which is about 190 years old, you can't help but appreciate the work that the original builders must have put

into it."

Work on the project began in March, when building mover Joe Beote of Gray lifted the barn free of its foundation and used a John Deere log skidder with a winch to slide it sideways 50 feet along I-beam rails he greased with used cooking oil.

Beote, who has more than 35 years of experience and has moved not only sheds, barns, and homes, but also hospital operating rooms, restaurants, and inns, is capable, practical, and "has a real Maine sense of humor," according to Shepley.

"I asked him why he thought the foundation was starting to crumble now, after 190 years, and he said it was my fault—that I upset the biodiversity of the ecosystem by removing all that manure and stuff from the basement."

Although they worked well together, and Beote came to regard him with grudging admiration, he never let Shepley forget that he was "from away."

"He likes to work into the conversation every now and then that I'm from Massachusetts," Shepley said.

Since the family's purchase of Sunset Farm, they have been grateful for what he called a "great group effort and good talent pool."

He expressed appreciation for the efforts of Dirago and Beote, as well as Cross Excavation, who performed the site work for the barn project, and noted that contractors Gary Okenquist and Lars Lokken and building restoration expert Bill Mullin of Round Pond had all done prior work on the property.

Shepley is also grateful for the friendship and assistance he has received from his Bethel neighbors.

"The cows on the fields are John Carter's and they're good company. So is he!" he said. "Another key neighbor is Bob Schuesler, who keeps an eye on the farm."

"My wife Lorraine and sons Niles and Cole [both students at Gould Academy] are all happy stewards of Sunset Farm. It's our pleasure to help maintain and improve the place for future generations."

Better than new

Each vertical post of the barn has a tenon on the bottom that fits into a mortise cut into the sills, and even after 190 years, Shepley said, the tenons were still "in perfect shape."

"I didn't want Mark [Dirago] to cut off the old tenons, so he had to make mortises in the new timbers in precise locations," he said.

During the weeks when the barn sat beside its old cellar hole, perched in the air on stacks of six- by six-inch cribbing, Dirago removed and disposed of the old floor system, which he said wasn't worth saving. After decades of exposure to manure, "the floor boards were pretty nasty," Dirago said.

The old foundation stones were removed and reserved for later use as retaining walls at the farm, and the basement was excavated to a depth of about two and a half feet deeper than the original, including the removal of what Dirago said was "literally about two feet of old manure build-up."

The new first floor will be at the same level as the original, but the added depth will allow for a nine-foot ceiling height in the basement, which will see future use as a workshop and storage area.

A poured concrete floor with radiant heat pipes, plumbing for a basement bathroom, and new electrical lines are all part of the renovation, upgrades that will expand the versatility of the barn without compromising its historic architecture.

The poured concrete foundation walls are 14 inches thick, and have a four-inch brick shelf that will allow the installation of large stone veneer above grade, preserving the look of the original granite foundation.

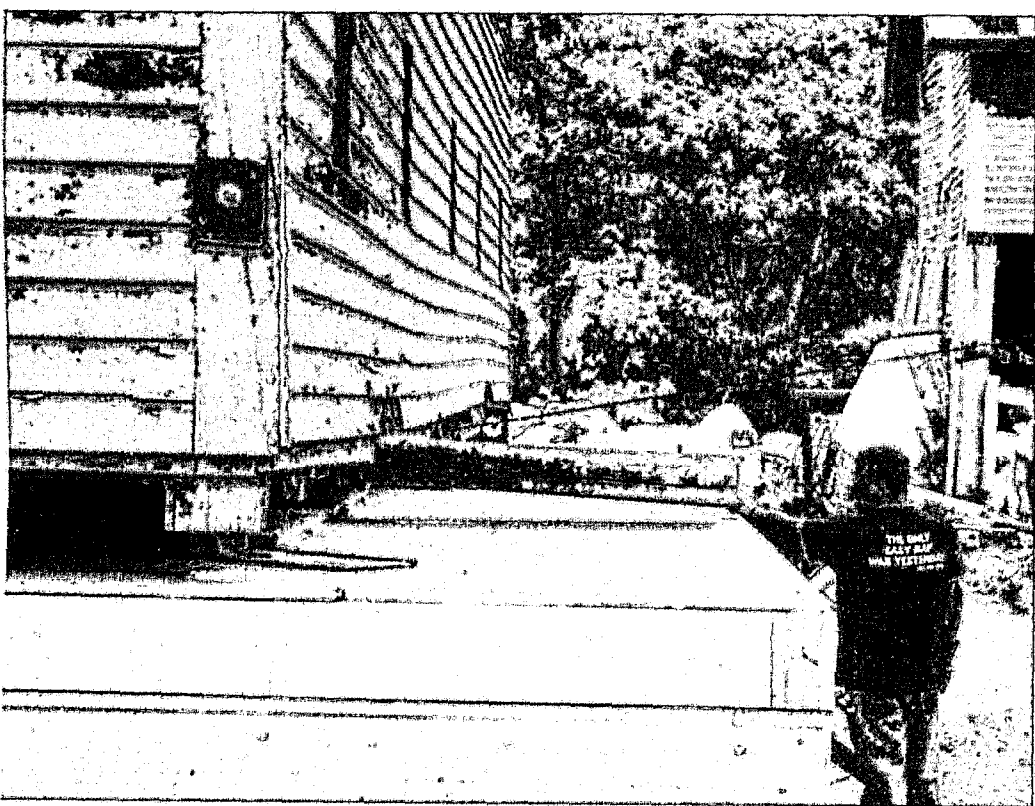
The Shepleys' commitment to historic preservation is appreciated by Randy Bennett, Executive Director of the Bethel Historical Society.

"Even though Bethel has lost some important architectural landmarks over the decades, many significant properties remain," Bennett said.

"It's always noteworthy when the current owners of exceptional eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and twentieth-century structures recognize their historic associations by choosing preservation and renovation over replacement."

The project is still underway, with details of the final design continuing to be worked out, Dirago said, adding that when completed, the barn will likely feature a large deck on the back side, with additional doors and windows facing the view down the river. "The bones of the building are in amazing condition," he said. "Now that it's been placed on the new, level foundation, it's amazing to see how straight and plumb everything actually is, and must have been when it was originally built."

"I'm truly proud to be a part of this project."



The barn was slid back into place atop the new foundation, where new mortise pockets waited to receive the original tenons on the bottoms of the posts. B. Schuesler

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Last Tuesday's voting

When we voted and were leaving I looked and seven of the voting booths were being used. Andrew Whitney won a selectman's seat defeating Stan Howe for the position. Andrew's father, Rick Whitney was a Bethel selectman for three fiscal years 1994-1996.

Wednesday's town meeting
Sixty eight voters at-

tended - slightly below average attendance. At the 2013 town meeting 188 voters attended the meeting due largely to the issues of dog park and basketball court being on the agenda. This year, although several items were questioned, the two items getting the most discussion were proposed funding of an Ethel Bisbee School fitness exam. The item was included in the Cole Block annual budget. The other item which got more discussion was the lack of progress of completing an outdoor basketball court behind the Big Apple and Dunkin Donuts

stores. The day before the town meeting I had posted a photo of the basketball site on the Bethel Journals Facebook page which reached 309 people. It also drew comments pointing at the lack of town interest in getting the court finished. Ron Savage proposed an amendment to the Recreation budget of \$10,000. As far as I know, that passed.

NAPA sale

On Thursday the 16th, the NAPA parking lot was taken over with what I would call a commercial yard sale. Many of the displayed items were the larger tools used in automotive servicing. One table's "flag" said it was the Under-Hood Sales Group. The activity included a picnic table under a tent. The event was billed as a "Tool Sale and Customer Appreciation BBQ."

New Town of Bethel website

This week I discovered that the Town had replaced its website with a completely new one. While the new site seems to contain "much, much more," I found that it will take quite a bit of exploring to find the information I had grown used to on the earlier one.

Basically the "newspaper" format of the old one has been replaced with more graphics and symbols. You have to try out each symbol to find out what it means.

What I noticed right off is that the home page shows a photo of the Gehring house as it looked decades ago, not the shabby, neglected look it has now.

New house going up in Birch Wood

Last winter (2015) Bob Currier sold his house on Deer View Road. But he is back - his new house is going up on the highest parcel of land in the Birch Wood subdivision. Savage Contracting is supervising the building but Mr. Currier is not just standing by and watching. From this new home, he will have the best view of the Locke-Barker Mountain range and those to the west.

Middle Intervale Meeting House is 200 At August 2010's meeting of the Middle Intervale Meeting House Society Steve Seames unveiled a

bronze plaque announcing that the building had been placed on the national register of historical places. Called the Center meeting house, it was a place for church, town and a variety of other meetings. Originally it had two levels of smaller windows and was later remodeled into the building we see today. Baptist and Methodist church members with some town support put up the first building. Jim St. Germaine put in a handicap entrance and new steps in 2011.

At the first town meeting there in 1817 one of the motions passed was to build a bridge over Bear River and the approved budget for this bridge could not exceed \$190.

Ten years ago in Mayville

The summer of 2006 saw the start of the Twitchell Brook Estate condos and the remodeling and conversion of the former Paul Carter garage into Mayville Junction. Domenic Pugliese and Savage Contracting had bought 10 acres of land from Gloria Wilson. The garage building was changed to accommodate stores on the ground level and two condos in a second story. The house located in the northern parcel was being readied for Gary and Sandra Savage to move in.

The above was the easy part. During the summer much attention, discussion and legwork was put into the possibility of extending the Bethel sewer system into Mayville as far as the River View Resort. Much of this project depended on a large part of the sewer expense being picked up by Mike Pelletier who owned the condo

development next to the Good Food Store. When the recreational bridge over the Androscoggin was constructed, an extension of the main sewer pipe was included in the bridge framework. As is evident today, this project did not get off the ground.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I hope all the dads in the neighborhood had a nice Father's Day. The weather was

perfect for all the various activities. Today, Monday, is the first day of summer and it sure is making its presence known with high temperatures and humidity. We haven't had rain for some time, thus the fire danger is high and you really should find out from the Fire Department if outdoor fires are safe or not.

On Friday, the 24th, the Greenwood Fire Department will have another fish fry. They could use some extra pairs of hands with setting up table and chairs and also making pies and coleslaw. Any member of the Fire Department can give you more details if you can spare some time for this good cause.

Congratulations to Jarrod Crockett for his victory in the primaries for Judge of Probate. Now onward to your next victory in November.

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Have a nice week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



When I say kefir, I am speaking a foreign language and until last

Tuesday I knew nothing about it. I attended a class at SAD 44 Adult Ed on how to make water kefir.

This is a product that people have consumed for centuries, but we in the United States have been tuned in for maybe 40 years I'm guessing. There is kefir made with milk and there is water kefir. Wikipedia says kefir is a yeast/bacterial fermentation starter with its origins in the Caucasus Mountains. I like it and it's easy to make fermenting the kefir grains overnight, straining out the grains and adding fresh fruit for another overnight fermentation.

My first attempt I added fresh cherries to the second ferment and my second attempt I used lemon, orange, and blueberries. I think the drink is refreshing and there is a bubbly effect from the fermenting process. I have a batch going tonight with raspberries as the flavoring.

My son-in law makes sourdough bread that is the best I've ever tasted and he also ferments all kinds of vegetables too. It seems the lost art of fermenting has not been lost forever. Today while at a client's house working on his perennial gardens he appeared and asked me if I'd like some milk kefir starter and I gladly said yes. I've gone from not having ever tasted kefir to now having two kinds brewing in my cupboards.

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Tuesday, June 14

At 7:38 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham received a theft complaint from Sunday River Road in Newry.

Wednesday, June 15

At 12:40 p.m. the Maine Warden Service reported that a fisherman found a computer in Songo Pond in Albany while fishing. It was found the computer was not reported stolen, and it was brought to the Transfer Station.

Thursday, June 16

At 10:19 a.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris conducted a radar detail on Intervale Road in Bethel. Two stops were made on vehicles for violations and warnings were issued.

At 8:52 p.m. on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel Deputy Derek MacDonald arrested Christopher Merrill, 52, of Albany for OUI, and charged him with criminal speed.

Friday, June 17

At 4:23 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris did a traffic stop on Intervale Road in Bethel. A small amount of marijuana was seized from the operator and destroyed.

At 8 p.m. a report was received of a child left in a vehicle alone in Bethel. Parents were with the child when Deputy Mike Fitzmorris arrived.

Saturday, June 18

At 1:05 a.m. Deputies Steve Witham and Josh Aylward responded to a report of several intoxicated subjects fighting on Mason Street in Bethel. On arrival it was found to be a verbal argument only. A subject was escorted to his residence and a disorderly conduct warning issued.

At 4:51 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded to reports of shots fired in Glead. The issue was found to be a nuisance bear and the Warden Service was on scene investigating.

Sunday, June 19

At 12:21 a.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to the intersection of Main Street and Route 232 in Woodstock for a car-moose crash. There was no personal injury.

Monday, June 20

At 1:49 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of a juvenile subject who had stolen a vehicle in Stoneham. The vehicle and juvenile were later located. The owner did not wish to press charges. The juvenile was charged with operating without a license.

From the OCS

Jail Log

June 16, 11:10 p.m.: Christopher O. Merrill, 52, of Albany, OUI; by Deputy Derek MacDonald in Bethel.

June 20, 12:54 p.m.: Erica K. Waltman, 26, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Matt McDonnell in Bethel.



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Some people pronounce it kee-fer and some say kif-fer. Whatever you call it it's good for your health and fun to make.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



As I write this on Sunday afternoon, I think, "What a nice day this is - bright, sunny, just a little breeze and quite warm, but not unbearable. Speaking of un"bear"able, the day has been bear free, so far.

My brother, Steve McLain, is on vacation from SAD 44, now that school is done for the year. He has plenty to keep him busy with mowing and gardening.

Last Thursday, a surprise visitor appeared on our front lawn. It was a "little" black bear. Probably last year's cub. He/she was looking for food. He/she stayed around all afternoon and posed for pictures for Linda Taylor and Sharon Leighton. The bear stayed around Friday and Saturday and at one point, headed across Route 2 to attend the wedding at the apartment building. Needless to say, he/she was not welcome.

The game wardens had been called and appeared late Saturday and tried to scare it away. That did not work! It has shown up on my surveillance camera every night and Saturday was no exception. It even tried to climb up the outside light pole to see if that was a bird feeder (only guessing). At one point, it stood up and looked in our end living room window, but the blinds were down. The game wardens appeared Sunday morning with a bear trap, but as of 5 p.m., I have not noticed the bear. Maybe it is too hot for it to come out. Either that or it saw the wardens!

Last Sunday, Hugh got Happy Father's Day wishes. Chris called from Omaha and Tim had to work, but he also called. Michele Chapman and Sidney stopped by the house and dropped off a couple of presents.

Sidney was telling us about academic awards she got at the end of her 6th grade year at Gorham Middle School. She also got elected as Secretary for the Student Council for next fall. She was recommended by the guidance counselor to attend Mindflight in July for a week at Plymouth State University. It is a residential program offering seven strands this summer: Po-

rensis, DNA research, Writing and making a book, Video Ventures, Acting and Theater, Astronomy and Weather, and Computer Programming. This collegiate experience gives campers a "sneak peek" into life on a campus. Sidney is very much interested in Forensics right now, so is very excited about this experience.

Dan Cole called to report that he had a visit from his cousin that he had not seen in about fifty years. Louise Desilets is from Milan, N.H. and her mother was a sister to Dan's mother, Mary Cole.

Gilead Historical Society Hugh went over to the corner on Saturday afternoon to open up the GHS buildings for a while. Not much going on. Bob and Judy Bishop did appear. Judy stayed at the GHS while Bob got into his kayak and headed down the Androscoggin River. No reports on how the trip went.

On Friday, Brady Chapman and his crew (Top Notch Tree Service) showed up to remove the dead elm tree behind the schoolhouse. They did a great job and had that tree down in no time at all.

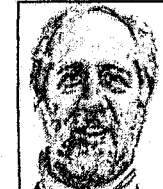
Final preparations for Friends and Family on Saturday, June 25 are underway. We are hoping for a good turnout. The Crock Pot Potluck Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public. The program afterwards is about the Three Rs in Gilead in the Androscoggin River Valley. Join the GHS for some good homemade food-hot and cold main dishes and great desserts.

Town Office
Gilead seems to have survived the big Primary Election. There was a total of thirteen voters - seven Republicans and six Democrats. No matter how big the turnout, there is the same amount of work that needs to be done, before and after the election. Besides myself, as Town Clerk, there were two ballots clerks (Luella Cole and Stephen McLain) and Sharon Leighton as Warden, who spent the day at the Town Hall.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Wow! Last week Newry voters overwhelmingly voted to keep the withdrawal process going forward. As



ANDOVER SUMMER CONCERT PERFORMER-Davvy Sturtevant will be performing on Friday, July 1 at 6 p.m. on the Andover town common, weather permitting. Sturtevant offers a varied mix of music and stories, with accompaniment on guitar, banjo, and fiddle. Expect to hear original folk, blues, swing, old-time music, and maybe a few surprises as well.

Mark Fainstein

was reported last week, the vote was 114 to continue withdrawal and 43 against it. Evidently there are more than just a few loudmouths around town that want to keep the option on the table. The withdrawal committee had stated that if the voters decided to keep that option on the table, then they would hold off until the taxation funding formula committee had gone through their process.

If that committee can come to an agreement on a new funding formula, and the towns approve it, the withdrawal committee need not meet again. So everyone should be pushing their representatives on the committee to come up with a real proposal and stop delaying. That way we can all move on, and hopefully Newry taxpayers can get a fair shake.

SAD 44 School Director, Marcel Polak, has said that he will continue to vigorously defend against any effort that will negatively impact any student's education, including those from Newry. Newry pays about \$112,000 per student while his town of Woodstock pays around \$7,000.

The rest of the state's districts all pay using a formula based more on student enrollment. They came up with that formula because it's the fairest way. The state does not have any equations that involve how many second homeowners a town has. When the second homeowner scenario is used, it is just a red herring, an appeal to the bandwagon statement.

Everyone says, "Oh, that makes sense," when in all

actualty, it has no place in the funding formula. All the towns have second homeowners. I don't think they deserve to be used any differently in Newry as they are in any of the other towns. We should be happy that they choose our area to come to and treat them with respect.

This isn't Vail, Colo. The second home owners around here aren't the one percent. They are folks who decided to take what money they have and make an investment in our area. Let's not make them pawns in our funding formula.

Looks like Newry has a new development: A group of private citizens sent out a mailing with some information about the status of Newry's withdrawal situation. The letter explained the pros and cons of the (then) upcoming vote. Apparently a few people got a return address that was questionable. All I can say is that it's nice to see a fifth grade mistake elicit a fifth grade response. Let's hope that envelope-gate is short-lived!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Today, June 20, is the day of the Full Strawberry Moon. It has been bright for several nights now. It is great to be able to see as late as 10 p.m. Without the moon, it would be dark several hours earlier. I like being able to see late so I can go do things if I want.

We have been staying at

camp this last week. It is nice and quiet there except for the neighbors' rooster who gets us up at 3 a.m., long before dawn. Guess he doesn't tell time well. The dog - Duke or Ziggy as we call him has been staying with us some. He likes it there because he can run freely and goes in and out at will, except when it gets cold and we shut the door. He is Little David's dog, but since he works a lot, he stays and visits us. He likes that as he doesn't like being alone.

Sunday, June 26, is RPC's 4th Annual Fun Dog Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oxford Fair Grounds. There will be fundraising dog walk, agility demos, kids activities raffles, food, etc. For walker registration and more info call 418-7986.

Saturday, July 2, there will be a memorial for T. Jewell Collins at her old camp. I will have all the info next week.

Almost time for the Norway Arts Fair. Mountain Poets will be at the Gazebo this year. All group members are welcome to read and should contact Lisa at 743-9808.

That is all for this week. If anyone has something they would like me to add, please call me at 743-0583.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Thanks to all who pitched in for Andy Barlow's yard sale. Many helping hands made of easy work setting up tables, unloading the old farmhouse, putting items out for sale, and working the crowd. A special thank you goes out to Sheila Fleet, Bob and Peggy Susbury, Lynn and Paul Ramsey, Elaine Goucher, Barb and Irv Robinson, Linda Beaudoin, Laurie Beaudoin, and Wendy Cavers. The sale was a great success and Andy extends his appreciation and thanks to all of those who helped and to neighbors, friends and passersby who supported the sale.

Fire danger in the Town of Hanover and much of Western Maine is still very high. The Town Office urges the use of extreme caution and vigilance when burning campfires. All other fires require a burn permit.

The Town Office reports that the water level at Howard Pond is 45 inches below normal levels this time of year due to the lack of snow this winter and current dry conditions. The pond is spring fed so water levels will rise naturally. The Town swim float is still tethered to the shore as the low water level and large boulders by the platform make it unsafe for swimming. Until water levels are safe for swimming, the swim float will remain on shore.

Keith and Kory Harrington, with assistance from Kelly Harrington and Buster Chase have just completed the second round of grounds maintenance at the Hanover Cemetery. Thank you all

for your hard work. The cemetery looks beautiful. Please send me your news, comments, question to HanoveMeNews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



The Locke Mills Union Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, July 2, from 7:30 a.m. until noon, or until they are sold out.

I've picked about three pints of strawberries from our patch so far, but it doesn't look like we're going to have many this year. Time to set out some new plants (or time to give up on strawberries for a while). We had a couple of very good years, when we picked over 60 quarts from the 50 plants we set out several years ago.

The School Board held a nice reception before their meeting on Monday to honor our retiring school director, Dick Melville, for his several decades of service on the board. Several former school administrators and staff members who worked with him over the years were there, including Ann Holt and Cathy Newell. Bev and their daughter, Nancy, were also present to hear Dr. Murphy read letters from Fran Head, John Patrick, and Angus King thanking Dick for his service. He will be missed!

The Town Hall is looking beautiful with its new coat of paint, thanks to the efforts of the Butch & Lenny Show, and it's wonderful to see it being used for so many community events. The Greenwood Farmers' Market is there every other Friday from 4 to 6 p.m., at the same time as the distribution of Boondocks Buying Club orders to club members. Upcoming dates are June 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19.

The farmers' market features vendors selling vegetables, baked goods, eggs, meats, cheeses, and pasta. Market organizers have repainted the old chalkboard sign on the front steps, and the vendors are chipping in to purchase an eye-catching "feather banner" to display on market days. For more information about the farmers' market, contact Brian and Suzanne Dunham at 665-2967, or e-mail dunhamfarm@msn.com.

If you'd like more information about Boondocks Buying Club, contact Michelle Shutt at boon-docksbc@gmail.com or 553-3952.

It's also great to hear music coming from the Town Hall on many evenings. The Shadagee Ramblers practice there regularly, and Monica Mann is organizing a weekly Fiddle Jam, to be held at the Town Hall beginning on July 1 and continuing every Friday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Monica at 381-7730.

I know we badly need rain, but haven't we had a nice stretch of weather,

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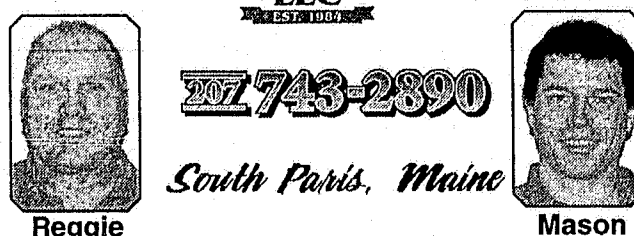


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now that it has finally warmed out of the 50s? We've been having to water our gardens just about every day, and we still lost a few of our watermelon seedlings. I was able to get some watermelon and honeydew melon plants to replace them at Young's Greenhouse, and the new ones had grown a lot faster by being kept warm and wet in the greenhouse, so they are much larger than my poor fried ones. Tony mulched them and has been keeping them shaded in the hottest part of the day, so they're looking pretty good. The honeydews actually have tiny melons set on already.

I hope all the fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, and other special guys had a nice Father's Day. We delayed our celebration for a week, since we'll have three out of four of the kids home this weekend, but Tony got nice calls and messages from all of them last Sunday. If he's lucky, there might even be lobster in store for him this weekend.

Call or e-mail me with your news - 875-5511 or amy.w.chapman@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Andover

By JANE RICH



There will be a gathering of people for a candlelight vigil on the Common tomorrow evening, June 24 at 7 p.m. We will be praying for the families of the recent events in Orlando and for our national leaders who make laws and have the power to see that something can be done about preventing similar events from occurring in the future. Please bring candles.

If you're interested in preserving the history of Andover, why not attend a meeting of the Andover Historical Society. The next one will take place on June 29 at 9 a.m. in the society's building on Elm Street.

The Andover Olde Home Day Committee met last week to work on the program for this annual event which draws a large number of people to town.

It was disappointing to see that only three people showed up for the meeting, but the small number of people working on this are determined to make it the best ever event. The theme is honoring our service people such as EMTs Fire Department, Sheriffs and State Troopers. T-shirts are available in local stores and the Committee has for sale a number of hats beside T-shirts. If hats and T-shirts sell out more will be ordered so they are available for Aug. 5, 6 and 7. A number of people and organizations will be running events. If they need ribbons for awards, they should get that information to Leo Camire before the 27th of June so they can be ordered. Wanda Coolidge will be distributing buttons when they arrive. Esau Cooper will be running the tractor races while Scott Farrington will chair the tractor pulls. The committee voted to pay the \$392 needed for insurance for the day to cover the races out of Olde Home Day Funds. The committee will also have a refreshment stand at the races selling hamburgers, hot dogs, water and soda. If you're interested in contributing to the success of the weekend, please attend the next meeting on July 7 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. My apologies to the committee for not attending the last meeting as other concerns tied me up past the time.

Part of the Olde Home Day celebration will be a special, one-time event, to honor the 200th anniversary of Mollycodd who is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. She was a local Indian who helped the early settlers here by delivering babies and consulting on illnesses by using long known Native American means of healing. Cathy Newell will be the speaker and the event will take place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 7 at the cemetery at 2 p.m.

Thanks to the Andover Service Circle for their recent donation of 10 flags for replacements of the flags hanging on Main Street. This organization does many projects that benefit the town including the annual clean-up day in May, scholarships for graduating seniors, the annual se-



TREK START-Nearly 2,000 cyclists rode in the American Lung Association's 32nd Annual Trek Across Maine last weekend. The annual event began Friday at Sunday River Resort's starting line (shown here). The first leg of the event, stretching just over 67 miles during day one, ended at the University of Maine at Farmington. Day two's route ran 56.8 miles between the Farmington campus and Colby College. Day three's route began at Colby and closed out the event in Belfast. The 2016 Trek Across Maine was expected to raise \$1.65 million to help fund and support lung disease research education and advocacy.

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nior appreciation dinner. In addition over the years they have helped when families have had adverse events it their lives such as fires and catastrophic illness. If you're unaware of this organization and would like to attend a meeting contact Andrea Savitz, President at 392-1020.

This past Saturday I had the privilege of leading the graveside service to honor and celebrate the life of Ellie LeComte at the Upton Cemetery. The Ladies Aid had planned the event which was followed by a reception at the Ladies Aid Building. Ellie's family was present and many stories of her service to individuals and community were related. Ellie was competition at the Flower Show each year for many of us and we particularly tried to beat each other year after year in the Cup and Saucer category which I think should honor her this year. Hint, Hint.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Word has been received of the death of Gloria Redman. She was a former resident

of Woodstock and Greenwood.

Judith Grover Tent # 17 DUVOW held a meeting at the Grange Hall on Monday, June 13. Michelle Cary served as chaplain.

Communications were received from Susan Kettinger about the paperback book project and Marybeth Hoover for the baby gift. Delegate and Alternate were chosen for convention, Bessie House and Elena Noyes.

Several members attended both Greenwood and Bryant Pond Memorial Day programs, and one attended in Portland. The stone was set for Veteran Fessender Swan, who had never had a stone. This was done before Memorial Day with a short service.

Some members did the Daughters' Service for both Alvena Weir's and Phyllis Jordan's funerals. Next meeting is July 11. Calls reported were 31. Mystery package went to Sally Sawyer. President Vicky read an article that happened on this date in 1861.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting will be at the Grange Hall in Bryant Pond on July 7 at 11:30. Dinner will be put on by the Grange.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30,

Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is MidWeek Service; also Bloom for Girls. Sunday, July 10 will be Fellowship Sunday. Sunday, July 17 Guest Preacher Larry Strout will be here all day.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, June 26, 3 p.m. at the school.

They will work on plans for their part of Upton Fun Day and their other summer activities.

Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. They will discuss trails, old and new. Also on the agenda is the trail map that should be coming soon. If there is any interest, they may make plans for a club ride.

My younger sister has awesome gardens. Most of it is in raised beds. She acquired a fiberglass canoe that was not water-worthy with the intent of using it as a raised bed. When she got the canoe, it was

yellow. She was thinking about painting it blue. She asked one of our other sisters if she thought she should paint it. The sister replied, "Yes. Paint FREE on it and put it out by the road." The canoe is blue, half full of dirt and has plants in it.

Upton Annual Town Meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m. at the school.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com to share your Upton news.

Silent auction at Waterford Library

Back by popular demand the Waterford Library is hosting a Silent Auction on Aug. 13. The Gala, which met with great success four years ago, will be under the stars behind the Library. The Trustees are heavy into the planning of the event lining up food, drink and items to auction off.

Anyone who has an item they feel would spark interest in an eclectic audience should drop it off at the library by July 4.

The proceeds of the Auction will go toward matching grant money for improvements to the apartment and produce preservation from the Community garden.

The Trustees are very excited about this "happening." There was wonderful support from the town and surrounding area for the last event and we hope to repeat the financial success again this summer!

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the library - \$3 for a single ticket and \$5 for two.

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Chicken Tenders \$9
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SOUPS & SALADS

Garden Salad \$7
Caesar Salad \$8
Cobb Salad \$9
Clam Chowder
Cup \$7 Bowl \$10
Lobster Stew
Cup \$8 Bowl \$12

SANDWICHES

Lobster Roll Market Price
Chicken Caesar Salad
Wrap \$9
Angus Burger \$12
Haddock Sandwich \$12
Reuben \$12
Panini Du Jour \$12
Fish Tacos \$12

ENTREES

Fried Captain's Platter \$27
Lobster Dinner Market Price
Pasta Primavera \$13
Haddock Fillet \$16
Chicken Parmesan \$15
Teriyaki Glazed Salmon \$15
Lobster Ravioli \$18
Stir Fry \$15
BBQ Ribs \$19

DESSERTS

Tiramisu \$6
Seasonal Fruit Pie \$5
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Liar's Club to tell tales at Brick Church

Never mind the Moth or StoryCorps! Stories just as fine and fascinating come from The Liars' Club, Western Maine's own group of vivid storytellers, who will be performing some of their tales at Lovell's Brick Church for the Performing Arts on Thursday, June 30.

Since January, the "Liars" (who do tell the truth, but enjoy the playful name) have met on the third Friday of each month at the Charlotte Hobbs Library in Lovell to exchange well-crafted stories from their lives and their interests. The group - which is always open to new members, listeners as well as tellers - is part of

a nation-wide movement that is reviving adult storytelling.

On June 30, the program will include a variety of moving, hilarious, and intriguing stories. The audience will hear tales about a close encounter on the Appalachian Trail; a timely and astonishing yard sale discovery; a father whose care for others formed a powerful legacy for his daughter; a national catastrophe that became very personal; a doctor who killed a president; and the trials and rewards of "eating wild."

And that is not all! In addition, on this occasion three professional storytellers will be joining

the Liars: Meg Gilman, a dynamic performer from Portsmouth; Michael Parent, an internationally-renowned Franco-American teller; and Lovell's own Jo Radner, who coaches and emcees the Liars' Club.

The Liars' Club and Friends will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, at the Brick Church for the Performing Arts at 502 Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5) in Lovell. Tickets are available at the door: adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.lovellbrickchurch.org or call 207-925-1500.

MLT Valentine work evenings planned

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is hosting a series of three outdoor work evenings at our newest preserve, the Valentine Farm, on the North Road in Bethel. This work will help get the Farm ready to serve as a community conservation center.

The work evenings on June 29, July 6 and July 13 will run from 6-8 p.m. There will be a variety of chores from raking, brush pick-up, gentle pruning and landscaping. Participants are asked to wear sturdy footwear and bring the tools they might use for the tasks that interest them.

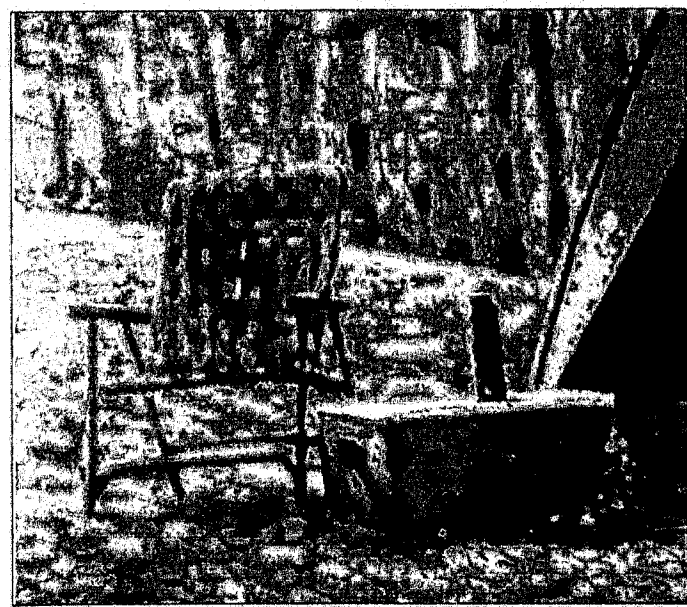
If you would like to participate for any or all of the evenings, please register at mahoosuc.org/events or call Annie at 207-824-3806.

Book donations sought

The Waterford Library is currently seeking book donations for our upcoming 4th of July Annual Book Sale. We are accepting hardcovers, paperbacks, movies, and audiobooks. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

The sale will be held Monday, July 4th, 8am to noon. Hardcovers will be \$2 and paperbacks will be \$1. From 11:30-noon, fill a bag of books for only \$1.

For more information on this or other events please see our website, waterford.lib.me.us, our Facebook page or call us, 207-583-2050.



Landmesser art on display at Mill Hill Inn

Artist William Landmesser currently has his work on display (June 1 - Oct. 10) in the gallery at the Mill Hill Inn in Bethel. He is donating 10 percent of his sales to the Bethel Food Pantry. Following is Landmesser's biography:

Born in Albany, New York, William Landmesser grew up immersed in the visual beauty of northern New York State and New England. Childhood summers were spent in Searsport, Maine. Graduating from Dartmouth College with a degree in Biology, the future artist elected several studio art courses, and received encouragement from teachers Hannes Beckmann, Varujan Boghosian, Ashley Bryan and Gary Millek. During the three years following graduation Landmesser taught science in private secondary schools. Community art classes taken during this time increased his zeal to draw and paint. In 1977 Landmesser enrolled full time at the Art Institute of Boston, immersing himself in the Foundation Year program. Studying with Nathan Goldstein and Patricia Cobb, he was awarded the Certificate of Merit.

Determined to paint independently, the student moved to Woodstock, Vermont and painted the Upper Connecticut River Valley landscape. A brief enrollment in the MFA program at American University in Washington D.C. proved too academic compared with the organic training that had captivated him in Boston. From this point on, it would be a process of self-learning that would guide the aspiring artist. The painter returned again to the North-

east.

In 1980 while spending time on Long Island's East End, Landmesser experienced a spiritual awakening to Christianity. Concurrently, he was receiving recognition from such art galleries as Hirsch & Adler Gallery (New York City) and Martha White Gallery (Louisville) where his work was shown with that of Fairfield Porter. Included in the 1981 exhibit, "Sunlight on Leaves, the Impressionist Tradition" (Museum of Fine Arts, Houston), Mr. Landmesser was referenced as one of the promising young artists of the next generation. Desiring to integrate his faith and his work as an artist, he entered Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where he led the student fine arts committee, continued to paint and exhibit, and received a Masters of Arts in Theology.

In 1989 Landmesser and his wife Shirley, moved to Stockton Springs, Maine. A former garage was moved to their wooded land and converted into a studio/gallery. Similarly a small structure was moved onto the property and evolved over time into the home they refer to as "Fern Hill" (Dylan Thomas' poem of the same name was discovered by the couple during this time). Two daughters grew up in the home amid the ferns and trees.

Landmesser has taught art privately and in groups, has exhibited widely, and is collected internationally. His studio and gallery are open to the public year round. Please visit his web-site and sign up for his free monthly newsletter.

RPC Fun Dog Day June 26

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is excited to welcome dogs and dog lovers to the 4th Annual Fun Dog Day on June 26 at Oxford Fairgrounds from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The day starts with an Opening Ceremony featuring the Blessing of the Dogs, followed by the fundraising Fun Dog Walk. This is a short and fun walk suitable for families, dogs, and people of all abilities, walking as individuals or as a team. Registration is \$10 for individuals or \$25 for a family or team. All registered walkers receive a gift, with additional prizes given for different fundraising levels, and all registration fees and donations go directly to care for homeless animals at the shelter.

Admission to Fun Dog Day is free and a fun day is planned for everyone. Activities include the Dog Show (all dogs are winners), dog games, dog Water Park, Pup Tent (kids' activities), working dog

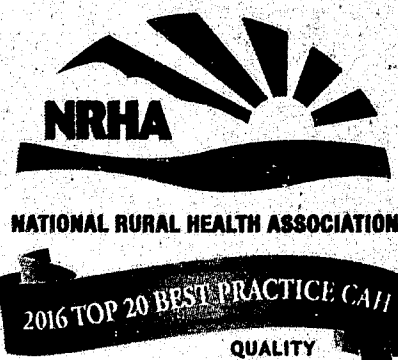
and agility demos, ticket auction, food court, vendors, and educational booths. Responsible Pet Care is happy to have many local business sponsors and participants who make Fun Dog Day bigger and better every year. Many thanks to Signature Event Sponsors Norway Savings Bank and Norway Veterinary Hospital. Also thanks to Call of the Wild RV Center for sponsoring the Pup Tent, and Crooked River Heating and AC for sponsoring the Dog Show.

Responsible Pet Care is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter and adoption center serving more than 700 homeless pets each year from ten Oxford County towns and beyond. All animals at RPC are cared for with love and respect while they wait for their forever homes. For more information visit www.rpc.petfinder.com, Facebook, or call Morgan at 207 418 7986. This event is rain or shine.

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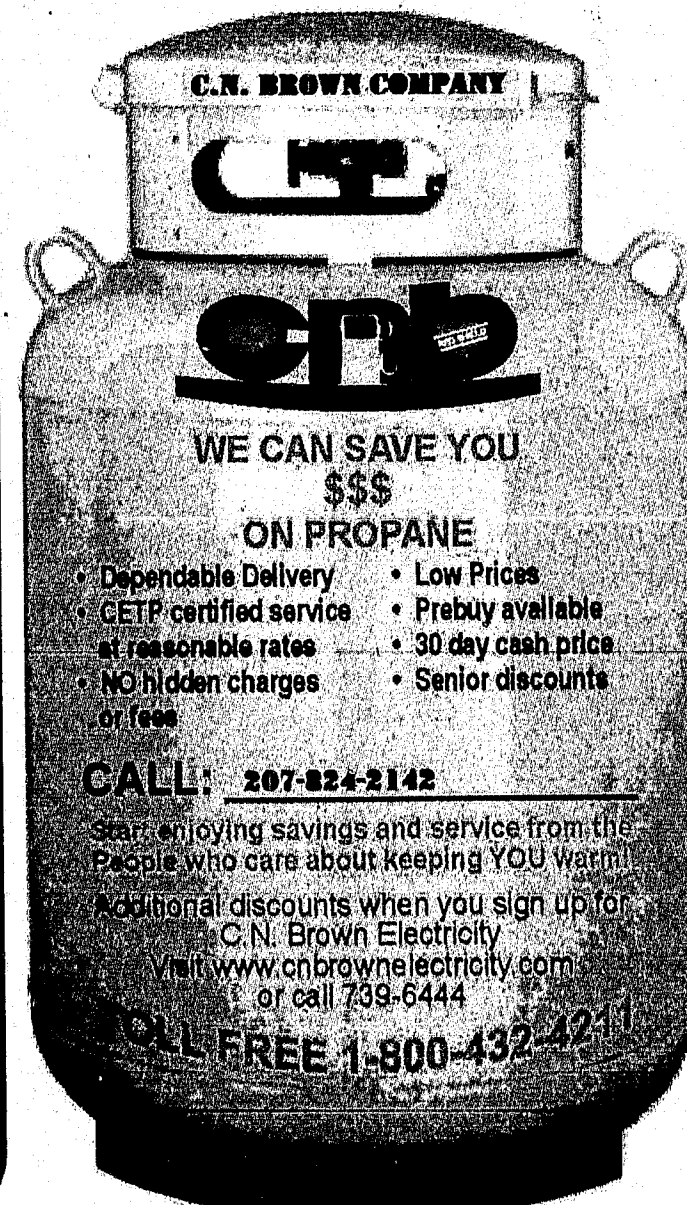
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Bethel Art Fair adds new elements to 27-year tradition

The Bethel Art Fair is undergoing a bit of a renaissance. In the past, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Mahosuc Arts Council have each taken turns organizing the event, but this year the two organizations have teamed up to make the event more dynamic than ever.

The Bethel Art Fair begins with several events on the evening of Friday, July 1, and continuing on Saturday, July 2 with the tradition of more than 50 artists and artisans on displaying their wares on the town common and many more events around town. "Art has infiltrated nearly every type of business in Bethel - from galleries, inns, and restaurants, to the movie theater and the hunting and fishing supply shop," said Jessie Perkins of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. "People could spend Friday evening and all day Saturday seeing, experiencing, and even creating art all around Bethel village."

In addition to open galleries and special exhibitions, many new elements have been added to the event. "Mini Masterpieces," a display of elementary students' art, will take place at Bethel Bait Tackle & More, and a show of Telstar students' art will be in the front gallery of 57 MAINE Arts. Nabos will host opportunities for kids to create art. The Gem Theater will host a Friday night tasting of Italian wines followed by a film, Florence and the Uffizi Gallery, showcasing Italian Renaissance masters. DiCocoa's Market will have artist Sonia Albin doing charcoal portraits, a display from artist Mattie Rose Templeton, and a chance to build your own bread sculpture, which

staff will bake off for you. Special exhibitions will include a one-day-only exhibition of 19th, 20th, and early 21st century White Mountain landscapes at the Bethel Historical Society, Maine landscape artist William Landmesser at the Mill Hill Inn, an open studio with plein air artists at Isham Farm, and the Shy, Novice, and Closed Art Show at the home of Janet Willie at 18 High Street. Altogether, over a dozen different locations will participate in some way.

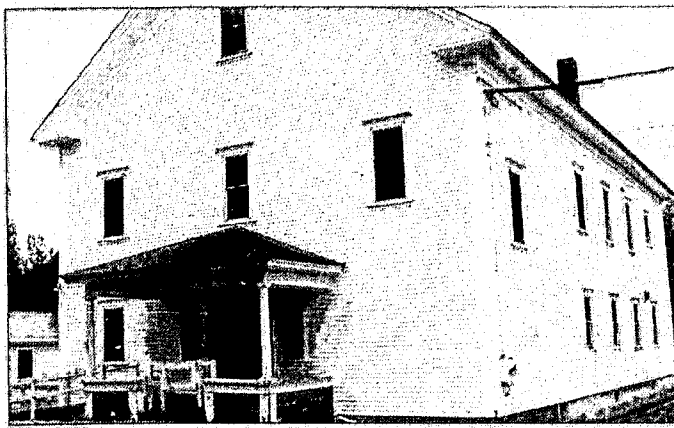
The 2016 Artist of Honor is photographer M. Dirk MacKnight of Andover. MacKnight boasts over 35 years of experience as a professional photographer, finding muse in the four seasons of nature in Maine's western mountains. MacKnight's work will be on display at a special opening of Owen Art Gallery 7-9 pm, Friday, July 1, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, July 2.

"The event is envisioned to be an immersive art experience," said Perkins. "Bethel has long been a draw for and an inspiration to artists, so we wanted to reflect that. But we also wanted to involve schools and show off the many businesses and institutions that incorporate art into every day."

This event has been made possible through the generosity of several business sponsors including Oxford Federal Credit Union, Good Food Store & Catering Co., Norway Savings Bank, River View Resort, Smokin' Good BBQ, The Bethel Inn Resort, Ruthie's Boutique and the Town of Bethel.

Complete schedule details, times, locations and vendor information can be found at www.bethelartfair.com.

Greenwood Farmers' Market, Boondocks Buying Club fill need in community



THE GREENWOOD TOWN HALL, site of the Farmers' Market. Submitted photo

Local farmers and producers are continuing the bi-weekly, year-round farmers' market at the old Greenwood town hall on Rt. 26, Locke Mills (a village of the town of Greenwood) every other Friday, 4 to 6 p.m. The farmers' market coincides with the Boondocks Buying Club distribution of pre-ordered food to club members.

Most of the vendors who participate in the market were part of the Western Mountains Winter Market, which ended with the seasonal opening of the Bethel Farmers' Market. Regular customers of Boondocks and the farmers' market, as well as the vendors, wanted to continue having local goods available on an ongoing basis, and that is how the Greenwood Farmers' Market began in May.

The space for the farmers' market, which is free to vendors and the Boondocks buying club, was made available by the Town in the former town hall; the town's manager, Kim Sparks, said she is happy the building is being put to good use. "It is truly exciting to have our Hall used in this way...gives us a real sense of Community." (Coming soon to the old town hall is Friday Fiddle Jam sessions, 6 to 7 p.m. every Friday, beginning July 1. For more information, please contact Monica Mann, 207-381-7730.)

The Greenwood town hall was built in the early 1930s as a result of growth in the Locke Mills Village following the Greenwood City fire in the mid 1880s, and well-located railroad access, which brought in the wood mills; Greenwood City had been the 'center' of town.

Greenwood Farmers' Market participants, to date: Fiddlestick Farm, LLC, Hanover. Vicky will be selling naturally leavened bread, and other baked good specials at the Greenwood Farmer's Market. And, when available, fiddlehead, pumpkin, kale and nettle-shitake ravioli, and pastas will be sold at the market. more... Harmony Farm, Harrison, is a State of Maine licensed and inspected raw goat milk creamery. Donnamarie's lovely does are hand-milked twice a day and produce sweet milk for the farmstead artisan cheeses and raw bottled milk. During the summer they feature fresh chevre spreads, capracotta, feta, semi-soft and aged cheeses. Their pastured hens produce fresh eggs and enjoy non-GMO grains. It is a joyful life for all at Harmony Farm.

Thunder Hill Farm, Waterford, raises Scottish Highland Beef Cattle. Dottie and David's herd is grass fed from start to finish. The farm participates in the American Scottish Highland Cattle Quality Beef program, raising and processing the animal according to the association's standards for the beef breed. Highland beef

is known as beef of the Queen. It is flavorful and tender. Thunder Hill also raise hens for eggs, meat chickens, pigs and lamb all raised as close to nature as possible.

Patch Farm, Denmark, is a certified organic family farm focusing on mixed vegetables, organic pasture-raised eggs and non-GMO forest raised pork. When BrennaMae and Brandon aren't found in the fields tending their crops they can be found in the barn milking their fledgling herd of dairy goats, having dance parties with their toddler or chatting at farmers markets.

Roaring Lion Farm, Ellis River Valley, Rumford. Colin and Arianna raise heritage Mulefoot pigs, pasture raised poultry and eggs, heritage lamb, Huacaya alpacas and are beginning the endeavor of raising cattle. They offer seasonal meat shares that include pork, beef and poultry. At the market, they will sell their pork - traditional cuts as well as hot dogs, pepperoni and various sausage. They will also offer chicken midsummer. All meat is nitrate free and non-GMO. They believe it's not about fast growing animals - the focus is on flavor, temperament and quality of life for the animal.

Dunham Farm. Velvet Hollow Sugar Works, Greenwood, offers an array of products and services. Brian and Suzanne operate a dedicated gluten free commercial kitchen to wholesale customers, farmers markets and individuals. The Dunham's are also maple producers and beekeepers, and sell complete beehive assemblies, do custom sawmill work, and offer workshops on living gluten free, maple sugaring and honeybees and other pollinators.

About Boondocks Buying Club

An all volunteer organization, the buying club started in 2010 by a group of local people with a mission: to provide the community with year-round, easy access to a wide variety of more natural and organic products made and grown in Maine, and to keep costs down by joining together to purchase in bulk. The club works like an on-line farmers' market, ordering every two weeks from the Crown of Maine Cooperative in Vassalboro, which sources products throughout Maine, as well as from a number of local farmers and producers, including Abbott's Farm, Anna's Greenhouse and Garden's, Beacon Blessings, Fiddlestick Farm LLC, Thunder Hill Farm, Dunham Farm, Velvet Hollow Sugar Works, Moon Dance Farm, Back to Roots, Woodstock, Asparagus Farm, and Roaring Lion Farm. Available products include vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, dairy products, pasta, bread, grains, prepared foods, gluten-free items, granola, jam and more. Orders are distributed every other Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall during the Greenwood Farmers' Market. Several of the club's local farmers and producers are also participants of the farmers' market. The club is always welcoming new members and new local farmers looking to sell their goods.

For more information about the Greenwood Farmer's Market, and to receive the market newsletter, please contact Brian and Suzanne Dunham, 207-655-2967, dunhamfarm@msn.com.

You can also find information on open market Fridays, and the vendors who will be set up, on the Boondocks facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/boondocksbuyingclub/>. The market is open every other Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information about the Boondocks Buying Club, please contact Michelle Shuttly at boondocksbc@gmail.com or 207-553-3952.

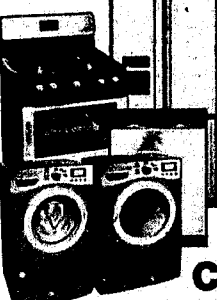
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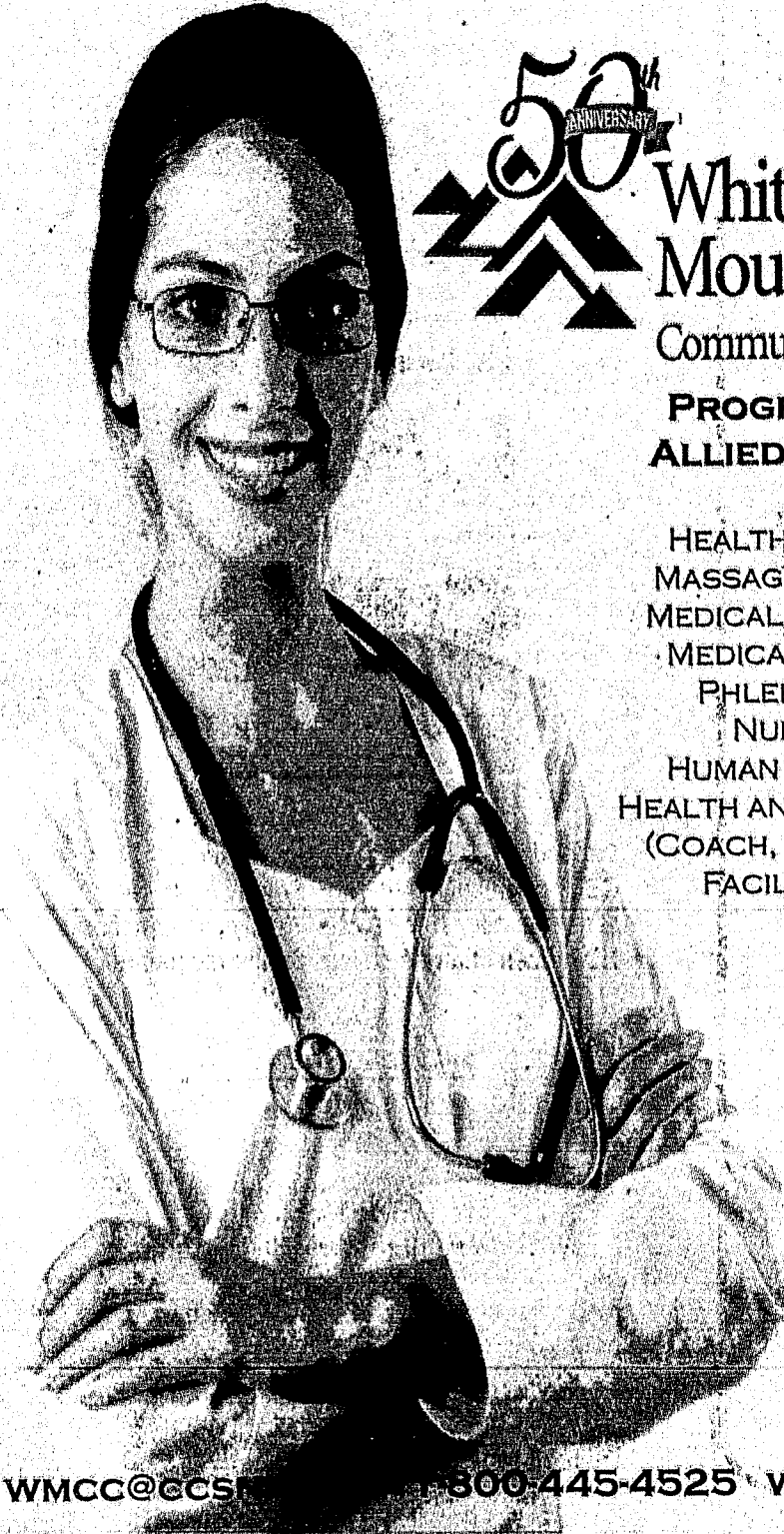


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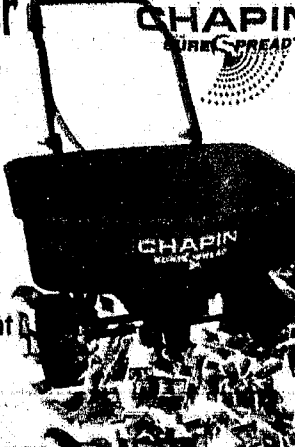
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CPS FIELD DAY-Last Thursday the Crescent Park PTA hosted CPS's annual Field Day. All classes participated in a wide range of outdoor activities. This year's favorites were water limbo, tug of war, plunger relay and waiter/waitress relay. The plunger relay was new this year. While carrying a ball balanced on a toilet plunger, the kids had to navigate through an obstacle course, then hand off the ball to the next person via the toilet plunger. Other activities included pool noodle javelin, plunger relay, limbo, tug of war, whiffle ball, kickball, beach ball volley ball, elephant march, sack race, and Frisbee free throw. Afternoon water activities included water limbo, waiter/waitress relay, cup target race with the water shooters, load of laundry relay, over and under sponge relay, and CPS bubbles. Pictured here is kindergartner Nicholas LaPointe.

Submitted photo

News from the Age Friendly Community Initiative

Interesting captioned photo in last week's Citizen: the announcement of the Wandering Persons Program. Accessible to law enforcement officers, this database will include photos of people prone to wandering, as well as their tendencies and favorite areas. Anyone wishing to register a person may call 743-9564, ext. 106, or email wpeople@oxfordcounty.org.

Don't miss out on the glories of summer in Western Maine! Strawberry picking and festivals, Mollyckett Day on Saturday, July 16. Many concerts, performances and other cultural events (a listing is on the Senior College blog

site, <http://wmscollege.blogspot.com>).

Two events are particularly special for our community. A highlight of the Fourth of July is the Bethel Historical Society's annual community picnic and concert on their Broad Street lawn. Starting at 11:30, it features a free concert by the Portland Brass Quintet. Another annual event is the Music Without Borders Steinway Piano Series at Gould Academy's air-conditioned McLaughlin Auditorium - June 29-July 26. This series of free concerts features 9 or 10 talented young students and their internationally known teacher and performer, Tamara

Poddubnaya. FMI: <http://www.musicwoborders.com/> or join Donald Christie's mailing list and receive the latest up-to-date information (dchristie@roadrunner.com).

Free community suppers will be held the last Wednesday of the month at Bethel Alliance Church 251 Walkers Mills Road Bethel. June 29, July 2 and August 31, 4:30-6:00 pm. FMI on any of the above or to see how you might be involved in the work of the Age-Friendly Community Initiative Nancy Davis (nancydavisbethel@gmail.com, 381 1110).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 23

Just Eat It, Where is Your Food Going?; a food waste story. At The Gem Theater, 23 Cross St. Bethel, from 6-8:30 p.m. Also showing "Nature Cat." Presented by the Local Food Connection and the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

4th Thursday Poetry at Rumford Public Library; monthly gathering of poetry lovers, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments, good conversation, great poetry. Come! Bring a friend, bring a poem. More information: 364-3661.

Friday, June 24

Exhibit Opening: The Mountains of Maine; Skiing in the Pine Tree State; The Ski Museum of Maine is teaming up with two other organizations to present an exhibit illustrating Maine skiing history at the Bethel Historical Society. www.bethelhistorical.org

Potluck supper at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel; 5:30 p.m. followed by the founder and project director of the Kakamega Orphanage in Kenya talking about the program and its mission. Bring a dish to share.

Saturday, June 25

Car wash and bottle drive; at SAD 44 Bus Garage, Bethel, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit Telstar High School Class of 2018.

Mahoosuc Land Trust morning hike; 10 a.m. Folks of all ages and abilities invited. There is an easier 3 mile route along the Sanborn River, where there are lots of spots to stop and play in the water. Or there is a 7-mile route following the river and around Oversett Pond. A picnic will follow. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring water as well as lunch if you stay for the picnic. Sunscreen and insect repellent are strongly recommended. Directions: Take Greenwood Road off Route 26 and travel about 7 miles south. Turn right onto Patch Mountain Road. After 1/4 mile take slight right onto Willis Mills Road and look for parking on left.

Bethel Rotary Annual Auction and Yard Sale; Telstar High School. The yard sale begins at 8 a.m. There will be an auction preview at 5:30, followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. FMI: (207) 653-9297.

Gilead Historical Society: Friends and Family Day; Public Crock Pot Pot Luck Lunch-11 a.-1 p.m. Homemade hot and cold dishes and desserts. Program follows: Traveling Through the Androscoggin River Valley, "The Three R's of Gilead: Roads, Railroads and Rivers," Town Hall, Depot Street, Gilead. FMI: Lin Chapman, 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Bethel American Legion Auxiliary Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Legion Hall, Vernon Street, Bethel. Tables and space inside will be available for \$15; space outside will also be \$15, but tables will not be provided. Space is limited, so advance reservations and deposits are needed (contact Barb Dion at 824-3122 before June 19). There will also be a bake sale and lunch available.

Dance with Country Ridge Riders; 8 p.m. to midnight at Waterford World's Fair Grounds, 36 Green Road, Waterford. BYOB, 21+ event; \$10 per person. More info, contact Lisa Scribner 890-7669.

Sunday, June 26

RPC's 4th Annual Fun Dog Day; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oxford Fair Grounds. Fundraising dog walk, dog show, contests, games, working dog and agility demonstrations, kids' activities, food, raffles, vendors, and more. Family-friendly, dogs welcome. Celebrating dogs and dog lovers. For walker registration and more information call Morgan at (207) 418-7986 or visit www.rpc.petfinder.com and Facebook.

Wednesday, June 29

Community Supper; 4:30-6 p.m. (no charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Friday, July 1

Bethel Art Fair kick off; at Gem Theater, with a visual trip to Italy to visit the Uffizi museum! Join us at 5 p.m. for a social-hour wine tasting. Film screening of Florence and the Uffizi at 6

p.m. Seating is limited, purchase tickets at www.thegemtheater.com. Tickets \$12.

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 6-9 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26 in the village of Locke's Mills. Slow jam 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scotts, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen to, or learn new tunes. every Friday night thru August. Free. See GreenwoodFiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

Andover Summer Concert Series; Davy Stewart, 6 p.m. on the town common, weather permitting. Davy Sturtevant will delight you with a varied mix of music and stories. His expressive voice will move you and his tasteful accompaniment on guitar, banjo, and fiddle will inspire the senses. Expect to hear original folk, blues, swing, old-time music, and maybe a few surprises as well.

Youth Ensemble of New England; concert of sacred and classical music at the Woodstock SDA Church, 25 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond. 7 p.m. Orchestra is composed of 30 young people ages 10 to 20. They will perform works of the great masters, as well as great hymns and sacred works.

Saturday, July 2

Bethel Art Fair; on the Bethel Common. 50+ artists and artisans. Food, entertainment, gallery open houses, and fireworks. www.bethelmaine.com.

12th annual Shy, Novice and Closeted Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 18 High St., Bethel (behind Key Bank). Rain or shine. This show supports shy, novice and closeted artist of our community, providing the opportunity and encouragement to show their work(s) of art. To participate call 824-3889 or go to www.facebook.com/shyartshow

Bethel Plein Air Painters' Open House; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Isham Farm, 1006 Vernon St., Albany Township. Works in pastel, watercolor, charcoal, mixed media by Melody Bonnema, Linda Isham, Mary Isham, Peter Musso and Saranne Taylor.

Strawberry Festival at the Locke Mills Union Church; 7:30 a.m. until noon or sold out. Belgian waffles, strawberries, pies, food table, trinkets and treasures.

Looking Back, Looking Forth art reception; 4-6 p.m. at Mill Hill Inn, Bethel. Paintings by William Landmesser. www.millhillinn.com, www.landmesserfineart.com.

Herbal Walk; 10 a.m.-noon. Walk the property of Herbal Nutritionist Wendy Green, see what's growing in her big back yard, and learn basic herbal nutrition, harvest practice, and simply enjoy the walk as you share nature with each other. Expected time: 2 hours (have been known to be longer). Would appreciate a donation for our energy exchange.

Chicken BBQ Fund Raiser; Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills, ME, 3 to 6 p.m. \$10 adults, children 10 and under \$4. 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, pot. salad, rolls and desserts. Come and enjoy a great meal for a great cause.

Sunday, July 3

Bethel Plein Air Painters' Open House; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Isham Farm, 1006 Vernon St., Albany Township. Works in pastel, watercolor, charcoal, mixed media by Melody Bonnema, Linda Isham, Mary Isham, Peter Musso, and Saranne Taylor.

Art Opening at the Mill Hill Inn; 4-6 p.m. Gallery opening for William Landmesser - oil paintings. Refreshments will be served - free to the public. The gallery is open for viewing all day Saturday.

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July Community Picnic & Concert; Outdoor concert; by the Portland Brass Quintet at the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street. Bring lunch, and enjoy a two-hour concert. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 8

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 6-9 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26 in the village of Locke's

Mills. Slow jam 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scotts, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen to, or learn new tunes. every Friday night thru August. Free. See GreenwoodFiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

Saturday, July 9

Community Lakes Association Annual Meeting; in the Old Greenwood Town Hall on Route 26. Enjoy snacks and coffee at 8:30. At 9 the meeting begins. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be friendly, concise and informative.

Yard & Bake Sale at Woodstock Historical Society; from 8-2 at the Museum building on Main Street in Bryant Pond. Outdoor spaces will also be available for rent. Donations of slightly used treasures are welcome. FMI call Jen Chase at 665-2043 or contact any society member.

July 9 and 10

Western Maine Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Gems, minerals, crystals, books, magazines, fossils, jewelry, door prizes, museum-quality displays, gem raffle 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Telstar High School.

Monday, July 11

Socrates Cafe; at the Waterford Library from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Discussion topic: 80/80 Visions: Contrast American life eighty years ago with today and contemplate what it may be eighty years from now. Moderator: Robert Casimiro. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, July 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and dinner; at Crosstone Restaurant Route 26 in Woodstock. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is a choice of fish or chicken. Reservations must be made before July 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice. Price is \$10.

Friday, July 15

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 6-9 p.m. at Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26 in the village of Locke's Mills. Slow jam 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scotts, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen to, or learn new tunes. every Friday night thru August. Free. See GreenwoodFiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

July 15 and 16

New England Forest Rally; Sunday River and surrounding area. Regional and national rally racing pros on the back roads of western Maine and northern New Hampshire. www.sundayriver.com

Saturday, July 16

MollyOckett Day, Bethel; Road race, parade, fireworks, live music, kids' entertainment, and vendors on common with crafts, food, community groups. www.bethelmaine.com

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Thursday, July 21

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, July 23

Tough Mountain Challenge; at Sunday River Resort, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. www.toughmountain.com/index.html

Saturday, Aug. 6

Annual Andover Old Home Days; 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Parade, antique car displays, exhibits, art & flower shows, crafts, firemen's muster, horse show, food & music.

Sunday, Aug. 7

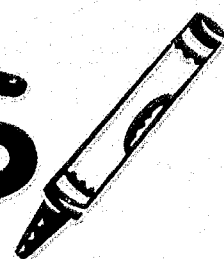
Maine State Triathlon; 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Sprint Triathlon - 750 meter swim, 24 K bike, 5.8 K run. Website: mainestatetriathlon.com

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From the Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Mahoosuc Kids, I want to thank the community for all the support this past school year. As our 15th year of service comes to a close, it is amazing to me to see everything that has happened this year.

We welcomed a new site coordinator, Kayla LaVeille, to the CPS site. Kayla has brought a wonderful presence and experience to the afterschool setting. Kayla had outstanding assistants, Kyrstal Gould and Dakota Verrill help her this year.

Much appreciation to veteran staff Lorie White (TMS) and Veroncia Penley (WES).

We added three new ladies, Allie Burke, Sarah DeCato, and Leanne Candura to our Board of Directors.

Congratulations to THS Valedictorian Rebecca Howard, who was awarded the MKA Book Award. Becca has been a MKA member since Kindergarten and is now a member of our summer staff.

I am really proud of our collaboration with the town of Bethel to offer swimming lessons to our kids. We are all looking forward to Summer 2016 - "MKA is 'Out of this World'". Dates are June 27th - August 19th.

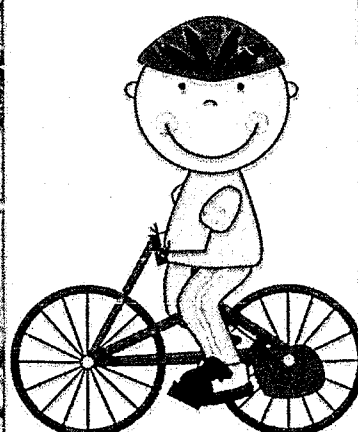
Happy Summer Everyone!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director

Bike Rodeo Fun at Woodstock Elementary!



Girls bike winner: Halea Monelt, 2nd Grader at WES.



Boys bike winner: Asher Larson of Rumford, it will a couple of years before he grows into it!



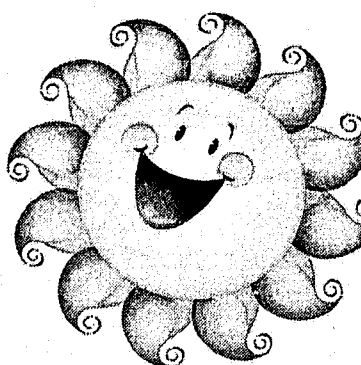
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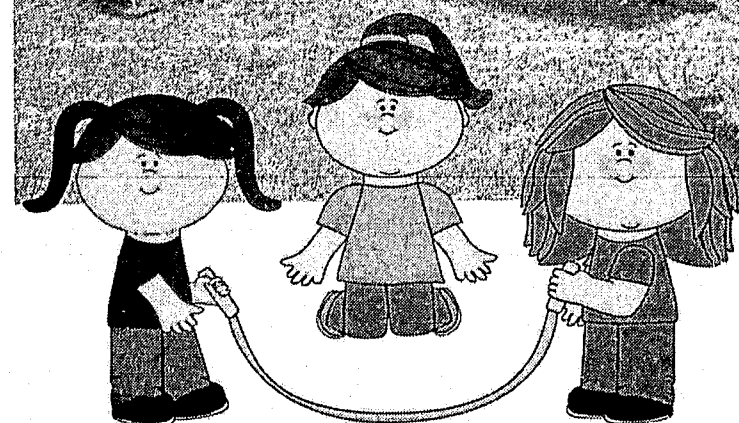
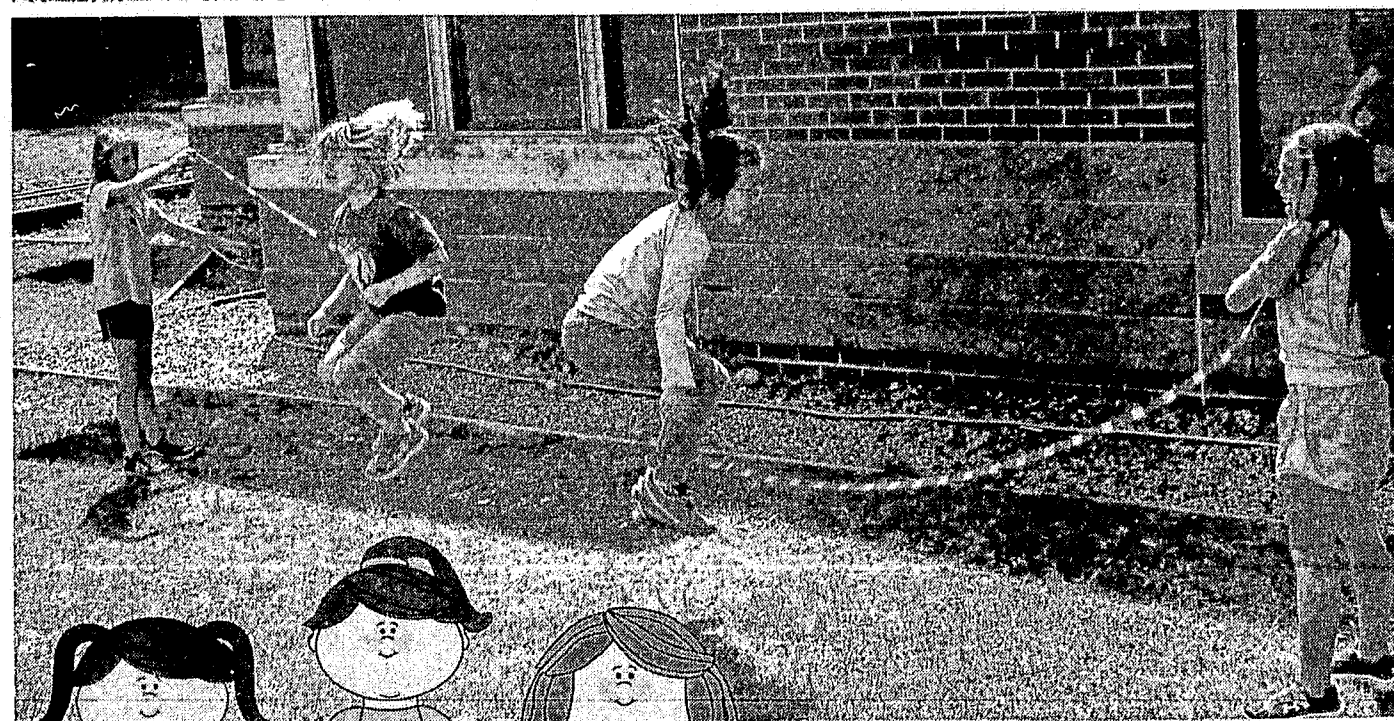
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Lydia & McKenzie smile for the camera.



Kira and Emma enjoying the afternoon.



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News from the Community

Lakes Association



Community Lake Association leaders met recently to plan the Annual Meeting July 9. From left: Nancy Willard, President Emeritus; Glen Langley, Vice President; Henry Stewart Legal Chair, Lois Ruff, outgoing Secretary; Colin Campbell, President; Walter Staples; Membership co-Chair; Ed Leonard, advisor; Susan Staples, Communications Co-chair; Jim Chandler, Technical Consultant; Susan Pundt Treasurer; not shown Pat Stewart, Communications Chair.

For 14 years the Community Lakes Association of Greenwood and Woodstock (CLA) has been embarked on a significant effort to control variable milfoil, an invasive marine plant that has infested Lake Christopher and Shagg Pond. The project is expensive, involving professional divers, a specially equipped watercraft, hand built mats and devices designed to lay the matting on the lake bed. The budget for the project last year was \$17,560.

This year costs are sure to go up as new safety regulations require additional staff to monitor and supervise the divers while they scout for infestation, hand pull plants and lay and move mats. Safety standards also require the purchase of underwater communications equipment. In prior years, funds for the project came from the Department of Environmental Protection, Spruce Mountain Wind, contributions from the towns of Greenwood and Woodstock, and dues and donations from members of the CLA.

Board members considering ways to meet the projected shortfall received encouraging news when the Towns of Greenwood and Woodstock each voted to increase their support to \$3,000 for the project in each of their budgets for the year. In addition, the EPA increased its funding from \$12,000 to almost \$19,000. Still, funding the summer of 2016 project will require using most of the Association's reserve fund which will cause shortfalls down the road. Other fundraising efforts will include participation

in a Greenwood Fire Department Fish Fry, sale of T-shirts, efforts to increase membership and an appeal for additional funds from CLA Members.

Since the threat of unchecked expansion of infestation and potential spread to other ponds threatens not only aesthetics, but property values, the Association hopes that all local residents and visitors will consider helping out, whether or not they own shorefront property.

So far the project has controlled the infestation in the Cove area of Lake Christopher and is closing in on the milfoil in the Outlet Pond. Shagg Pond continues to be a challenge. As Project manager, Jim Chandler, recently reported to the DEP, "The Community Lakes Association's Milfoil Control Program has made significant progress in all areas of Lake Christopher and in two of five infested areas in Shagg Pond."

To learn more about this significant project and the other work of the Community Lakes Association, all are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 9, in the Old Greenwood Town Hall on Route 26. Enjoy snacks and coffee at 8:30. At 9, the meeting begins.

Although the Milfoil control project team is winning battles, they have not yet won the war. The Community Lakes Association is committed to continuing the effort and is confident that Chandler and his divers and volunteers will prevail in the end, assuming the community continues to value and support the work.

WES news



Woodstock Elementary School students who entered the Daughters of Union Veterans essay contest were recognized for their participation at the school's awards assembly on the last day of school.



Meredith Sullivan (right), program manager of the LabVenture! program at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, presented the GMRI's Kevin McCarthy Education Innovation Award to Woodstock Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Tonya Prentice. Prentice has also been nominated for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

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Cooking with Betsy

By Betsy Riley

Lift up your garden spade, dust off your spatula it's time to welcome Double G season in backyard culinary arts! Double G is a highly technical term referring to outdoor grilling and gardening. What could be better than growing your own squash, eggplant, tomatoes, etc., building a fire out of wood and then cooking your meal over the hot coals?

Many, many, many years ago, I realized how much I loved cooking over a wood fire as a grill line cook in a trendy Italian eatery. The heat, flame and care of this cooking source required patience, but once under control, it was (and continues to be) like poetry.

Little did I realize I was not the first to discover this thrill. Archeologists have found remains of fire cooking dating back 1.8 million years! Here's another fun tidbit of info, the charcoal briquette was invented by Henry Ford and Edward Kingsford in the late 1940 as a way to use logging waste. Ingenious, right?

Improvements to cooking over fire with gas grills, fancy smokers and portable hibachis have made the culinary activity accessible and easy. Summer food magazines display mouthwatering pictures of grilled burgers, skewers and fat steak tempting our taste buds to plan a BBQ. Now, I ask you, what are you waiting for? Respectfully I understand that every grill chef has their own style of grill work, but next time you turn up the heat, please consider these Double G tips. You may find they support your skill of the grill.

-FIRE! Try cooking over wood. Get a good pile of coals, cover with an elevated grate and enjoy the smell, sound and personal investment this crafted meal provides.

-Hotter than hot! A hot grill is a happy grill and should be well heated before any cooking begins. I like to bury the thermometer well over 500 degrees for 5 plus minutes before I consider the surface ready.

-Prepare the grill and food to be friends. Use a wire brush on the grill grates when good and hot and make sure the grates or your food are oiled.

-Season food before it hits the heat! Salt, pepper,

olive oil, rubs, marinates are our friends early.

-Leave the first side on a bit longer than the second. The first side will have the best grill marks and will need the extra time to "warm up" to the cooking source. This includes skin side down first!

-Do not be a crazy flipper! Grill one side, then the other and remove. It is better that you over grill the first side, than flip it too soon.

-Touch it! Yup, that's right, give it a little poke with your index finger to get to know the feel of your fired up meats. If it is hard, it's over done. If it's soft, it's raw. If it's in the middle with a little "spring" it could be just right. Remember that heated food keeps on cooking, so remove it or lose it.

-Be creative! Use your cast iron frying pan on/over the grill for delicate fish and veggies. Wrap baked potatoes, herbs and tomatoes and cheese filled sandwiches in foil and place alongside coals.

-Get a set of long handled tongs! They truly are the grill master's best tool!

Fire's set, heat's up, food's ready...Grill!

Double G BBQ Rub

In a bowl, mix:

1 T of each: cumin, paprika, granulated garlic, granulated onion, chili powder, brown sugar

2 T of kosher salt

1 tsp of each: cayenne pepper, black pepper

Great on pork ribs, beef ribs, pork chops, pork tenderloin, even chicken! Coat meat with a little oil and then rub in spice mix. Wrap and refrigerate overnight or at least 8 hours before grilling.

Double G Veggie Marinade

In a cleaned out jam jar with a lid, add the following ingredients together and shake!

2/3 c olive oil

1/3 c balsamic vinegar (or red wine vinegar)

1/4 c minced (or grated) sweet onion

1 T chopped fresh herb-chose 1 or a bit of them all (rosemary, thyme, oregano, basil)

1 tsp fresh garlic, minced

1/2 tsp kosher salt

1/4 tsp black pepper

Great for all veggies-zucchini and yellow squash, eggplant, plum tomatoes cut in half, mushrooms, asparagus, green beans, thick onion slices, peppers. This can be for veg-

gie skewers, side dish salads or grilled veggie "salsa" that compliment meats and grains. I recommend leaving the veggies large on the grill and then cut into smaller pieces when removed and cooled. Stir in a tablespoon of marinade to the grilled veggie salad or salsa for added flavor! Yumm-oh!

Double G Garden Pesto

The term "pesto" refers to anything made with a method of pounding similar to the usage of a mortar and pestle to make something large smaller. Pesto as we know it is a sauce made out of aromatic fresh basil leaves. For me, it is a summer taste of home. My Mom would harvest a large garden worth of fresh basil a few times during the summer and freeze small mason jars to take out during the winter months and savor. Simply splendid, I say! But we have more! Pesto can be made out of anything leafy and edible. This includes (but is not limited to) kale, spinach, cilantro, beet greens, dandelion greens, arugula and more. Spread in on a pizza crust, use as a dipping sauce, toss with pasta, add to mayonnaise, potato salad, salad dressings, a tsp to the marinade recipe above, spread on grilled meats, fish, bruschetta...the list goes on. This recipe is thick and terrific as a spread or to toss with cooked pasta. To be honest, my family will dip fresh baguette slices into a bowl of freshly blended pesto and call it dinner! This is a favorite garden recipe. Enjoy!

In a food processor or blender, add:

1 large garlic clove
3 c leaves (basil, kale, spinach, arugula...)

1/4 c toasted nuts, optional (pine nuts, walnuts, almonds, pecans)

Begin to mix. With motor running add 1/4 c olive oil in a steady stream from the top. Mix until combine.

Stir in 1/4 finely grated Parmesan cheese. (Again, optional...great with basil, arugula and spinach...not cilantro)

Season with salt and pepper

Refrigerate or freeze after use.

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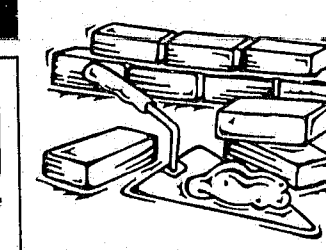
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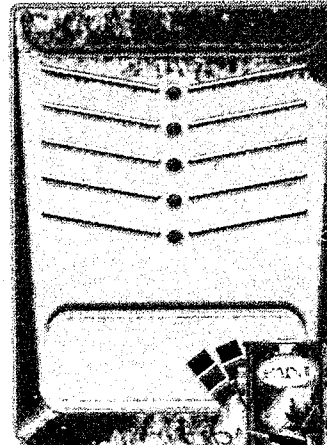
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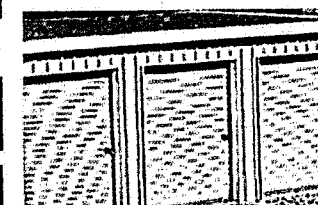
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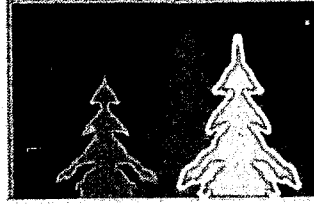
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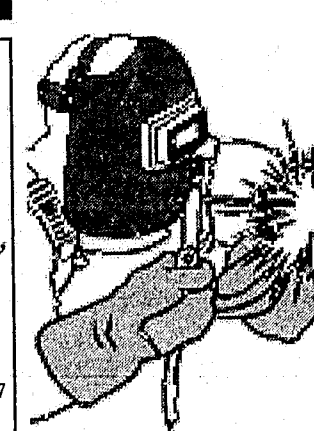
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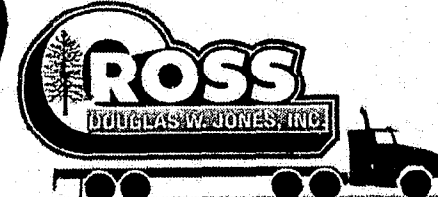


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Obituaries



CYNTHIA A. MORAN-LAUX

Cynthia Ann Moran-Laux died early Tuesday, June 21 from complications following a hip fracture.

She was born April 26, 1958 in Providence, R.I.

Cynthia attended schools in Warren, R.I., graduated from Mount Claire State with a BS in Speech, Elmira College with a MS in Speech Pathology, an Advanced Certificate in Educational Administration from Hunter College and obtained her CCCs in Speech Pathology. She worked at the Shield Institute in New York, Kent County Hospital in Rhode Island, Developmental Disabilities in Portsmouth, N.H. and for SAD 44 as a consulting speech pathologist at Crescent Park, Woodstock and Andover Elementary Schools.

Cynthia thoroughly enjoyed community services, defining her community anywhere in the world she could assist. She served as President of the Bethel Rotary Club and partner of the District Governor, served on the Bethel Chamber of Commerce Board and was the consummate volunteer for virtually every community event offered. She participated in two Rotaplast Surgical missions (free surgical procedures for children born with cleft lip or cleft palate) to Venezuela and Guatemala, served to assist in the delivery of medical supplies to Armenia, raised funds to construct a library in Vietnam, delivered book supplies to libraries in Cambodia and assisted in a well and hot water system to a remote school in Kenya. She was also a Faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Any opportunity to meet a need was viewed as another opportunity to service.

Her father George Moran and her mother Betty Mo-

ran both of Warren, R.I., predeceased Cynthia. She is survived her husband Bob Laux of Bethel, a sister Diane Fioravanti and her husband Nick of Toms River, N.J., two nephews Matthew Fioravanti and his wife and Brett Fioravanti, a niece Courtney Decker all of New Jersey. She is also survived by numerous in-laws and partners including Jean Leary of Concord, Mass., Nancy and Dennis Menzel of Wauwatosa, Wis., Mary and Robin Benton of Middleton, Wis., Sandy and Brian Pufahl of Neenah, Wis. and Sue and Dennis Hintz of Appleton, Wis. along with brother in laws and partners Dave and Laura Laux of Golden, Colo., Tom and Marcia Laux of Martinsville, Ind. and Jim and Mary Laux of Grafton, Wis.

A Catholic mass will be held at Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel on June 30 at 11 a.m. followed by a "Community Celebration" in the South Dining Room at the Bethel Inn Resort from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone touched by Cynthia is welcome to join our celebration.



ISABEL A. FERGUSON

Isabel A. Ferguson, age 79, of North Main Street in Andover, passed away on Sunday June 12, 2016 at Rumford Hospital.

She was born in Portland on Jan. 9, 1937 the daughter of Irving and Anna Hodsdon.

Isabel was educated in New York City schools.

She was a proud mother who raised seven children.

Isabel was employed as the third female motor-man for the New York City Transit Authority, retiring as a supervisor.

She loved gardening, crocheting, and working on projects around the house.

Surviving are her children, Gary Ferguson of New York, Donna Rivas of Florida, Scott Ferguson and wife Carole of Las Vegas, Nev., Jo Capobianco of Bronx, N.Y., Gina Consiglio and husband Rich-

ard of Greenwich, Conn., and Abbie Capobianco-Guy and husband Herman of Bronx, N.Y., nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, a brother Harold Hodsdon and a son Ronald Capobianco.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences and fond memories with the family by visiting their guestbook at www.sgthibaultfuneralhome.com.

Private graveside services will be held in St. Raymond's Cemetery in Bronx, N.Y. Arrangements are under the care of S.G. Thibault Funeral Home, Cremation and Monument Services of Rumford.



DARRYL N. BROWN

Dec. 28, 1944-
June 18, 2016

Our loving husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully at his home June 18, 2016 at the age of 71. Darryl was raised in Richmond, the youngest of sixteen children, son of Alfred and Nona (Fogg) Brown. His work ethic, influenced by his upbringing on his family farm, gave him the drive to take on every life challenge by storm.

Darryl lived his life with an infectious confidence and charisma that attracted many friends and eventually, his wife Penny. They married on May 25, 1985 and enjoyed 31 wonderful years of marriage. His love and devotion to his wife was matched by the integrity and dedication he placed in every aspect of his life.

He graduated with a bachelor's in Agricultural Sciences and master's in Agronomy from the University of Maine at Orono.

He went on to teach at Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania then returning to make his home in Livermore Falls. Darryl was a vice principal briefly before establishing Main-Land Development, Inc. in 1974. He proudly served the people of Maine in many capacities. He was appointed DEP commissioner by the Governor and worked as Director of the Maine State

Planning Office. He also spent eight years in the Maine Legislature. Darryl also chaired numerous boards throughout his life, and was admired for his talent in moderating town meetings. His most recent being chair of Greater Franklin Development Association.

Of note, he was President of the National Rural Water Association and received the NRWA Man of the Year award in 1993. He also received the Annual Community Health Award from the Franklin County Health Network. After he sold his business, some of his happiest times came from being part of the Cianbro family. As project manager he was able to call upon the many friends and contacts he had developed over the years.

Darryl's love of the outdoors steered him towards his profession of being a soil scientist and site evaluator. He was an avid skier, a recreational pilot and found relaxation in landscaping his lawn and gardens.

Darryl is best characterized by his wise, warm and compassionate personality. His sharp wit and humor captured the hearts of all that were fortunate enough to meet him. He always took time to advise and guide those around him. He had a remarkable ability to carry on a conversation with just about anyone and instantly become a loved and trusted friend to those he met. His family was the center of his life and he always looked forward to spending his free time with his loved ones. If it was attending his grandchildren's sporting events, recitals and school functions or sharing time with his wife and children, they could all guarantee his smiling face would be there supporting their every ambition.

Predeceased by his parents, sisters Norma, Shirley, Madge, Madelyn and Sylvia, and brothers Donald, Austin, George, Gerald and Clyde. He is survived by his wife, Penny and father-in-law, Alvin Davis of Livermore Falls; his son, Toby, and wife Suzette Brown of Nantucket, Mass. and their children Shaun and Eliza; his daughter, Hilary, and husband Jason Carter of Topsham and their children Sara and Ella as well as his youngest daughter, Erica, and husband Garth Snow of Long Island, N.Y. and their children Glenn, Miller, Parker and Carson; sister Arlene Geddes of Brunswick, brothers

Neal and wife Priscilla of Bowdoinham, Charles of Whitefield, Alton of Randolph; sisters-in-law Nancy Brown of Dresden, Stella Brown of Pittston, Ruth Brown of Richmond and Joanne Brown of South Gardiner.

Please honor his memory by remembering how he helped us face and accomplish our dreams and conquer and overcome our obstacles. Oh how we will miss this thoughtful, humorous and caring man. He was dearly loved and will be missed. You are forever in hearts.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Wiles Remembrance Center, 137 Farmington Falls Road (Routes 2 and 27), Farm-

ington on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. Following services, a comfort reception will be held at LaFleur's Restaurant, Route 4, Jay. All are welcome. As would be Darryl's preference, and that of his family, remembrance gifts may be given to the Darryl and Penny Brown Scholarship Fund University of Maine Fdt. Two Alumni Place Orono, Maine 04469-5792. Family committal services will be private.

Tributes and condolences may be shared on his memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com, where a video tribute will also be able to be viewed.

Births

MARTIN

Luke and Nicole Martin of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby, Elizabeth Faye Martin, on May 10, 2016, at 12:30 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, one ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Tammy and Bruce Bean of Summer and and Greg and Diane Roberts of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Clark and the late Carla Martin of Greenwood.

Elizabeth joins a sister, Carla Lynn, age 3.

Finn-Am Society plans Open Houses

The Finnish American Heritage Society, located at 8 Maple Street in West Paris, will host an Open House on Sunday afternoons in July and August, with the exception of Aug. 21. The hall will be open from 2 to 4 and all are invited to stop by, cool off, share in the coffee and pastries, and visit the museum and gift shop.

Photography display at West Paris Library

An exhibit of photographs by Debra Kocelka will be on display at the West Paris Library beginning July 1 through Aug. 15. The exhibit, "Photographs of Nature," depicts her travels around the world photographing nature. She and her husband, David Mulhearn, have lived in Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. and explored much of North America.

Debra has a long history living with the natural environment. She grew up in Sebago, the daughter of an avid outdoorsman. When she met her husband, David, they purchased forest acreage in Naples, where they developed and managed a private wildlife sanctuary. It was on this forest preserve that they cut white pine, peeled the logs and built a cabin. They were based there for nearly 30 years.

They gave up their life in the woods to travel across America experiencing the beauty of its national and state parks. They currently spend winters at their home in Mesa, Ariz. and summer on top of Stearns Hill, West Paris.

Debra has a unique ability to perceive the beauty of her surroundings through photography. Her photographs have been used on a television website, in a Canadian periodical and on an Arizona resort internet website.

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